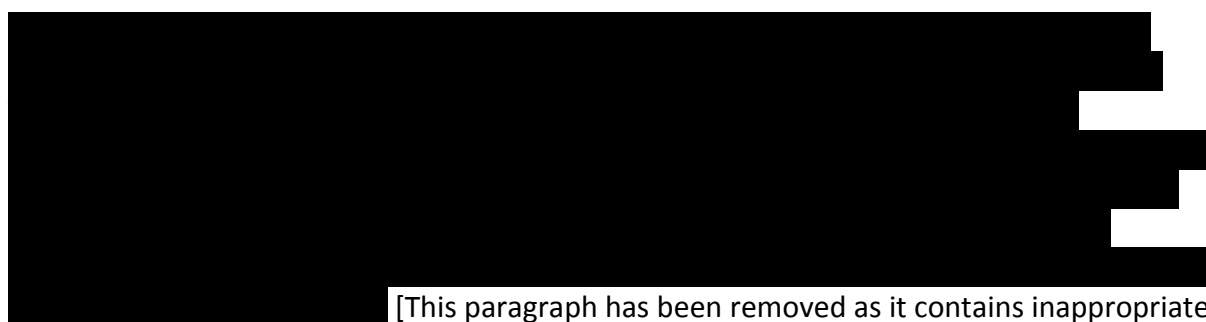


To whom it may concern,

We would like to stress our consternation at the proposal to cut the English Riviera Tourism Budget to £0. Whilst continuing to fund the Riviera International Center. The ERTC has promoted The Bay both nationally and internationally and has without doubt brought more people to the area, some directly and some indirectly. Tourism accommodation businesses are paying 1000's of pounds in commissions to booking sites such as Booking.com, which amounts to about 20% of turnover, where as 10 years ago we would have been spending 10% on advertising and very little on commissions. It is a shame that back when the Council Tourist board were running Tourism and signed up Eviivo as the destination manager the staff did not see the massive potential of an in house marketing and destination management system, which could have brought £1000's of pounds into the council's coffers. The ERTC has done a great job under very difficult circumstances whilst also dealing with the recession.



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There is a massive conflict of interest that cannot be ignored, Mr Oliver has been trying to get his hands on a large tourism budget since 2008 when he was chairman of the THA. His underhand and secretive ways of management are not helpful to Torbay and will leave a stigma and legacy that is hard get rid off after his term of Mayor has ended.

The RICC on the other hand has only 16 events programmed from 01 August 2014 to 31 July 2015, of the 5 events programmed for August 2014, 2 have been cancelled, one of which has been removed from the events list.

## What's On: Event Listings

### Summer 2014 Learn to Swim Crash Courses

Date(s): Mon 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014 - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014

### Revolution Skate Roller Disco

Date(s): Fri 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014

UNFORTUNATELY THIS EVENT HAS NOW BEEN CANCELLED. CONTACT DETAILS BELOW FOR ANY REFUNDS THAT ARE NEEDED

### U18 UV Beach Party

Date(s): Wed 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014

UNFORTUNATELY THIS EVENT HAS NOW BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.

### The Mascherata Ball

Date(s): Sat 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014

### Torbay Gluten Free Food Fair

Date(s): Sat 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014

### Butcombe Skittles Championships

Date(s): Fri 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014 - Sun 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014

### Christian Services Association UK In His Presence

Date(s): Thu 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 - Sat 27<sup>th</sup> September 2014

### WOW Charity Ball 2014

Date(s): Sat 27<sup>th</sup> September 2014

### Devon Wedding Show - Autumn 2014

Date(s): Sun 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014

### 'Raising the Roof' Comedy Night

Date(s): Fri 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014

### Provincial Grand Chapter of Devonshire

Date(s): Sat 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014

### Christmas Party Nights

Date(s): Fri 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014 - Sat 20<sup>th</sup> December 2014

### Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Date(s): Fri 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015

### National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs Annual Convention 2015

Date(s): Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 - Mon 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### Obstetric Anaesthesia Annual Meeting 2015

Date(s): Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015

### English Bridge Union

Date(s): Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 - Sun 5<sup>th</sup> July 2014

The RICC as a venue has had its day, the sports facilities and swimming pool should be kept open and made to pay for its self with reasonable tariffs charged for membership etc. The conference facilities however should be closed down as the cost of keeping staff on all year for 14 events is ridiculous. This is where a massive saving can be gained.

Yours faithfully

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