

Meeting of the Council

Thursday, 22 September 2016

Questions Under Standing Order A13

Question (1) by Councillor Sanders to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Finance and Regeneration (Mayor Oliver)	To ask the Mayor if he will help protect Torbay's allotments from development by encouraging residents and allotment holders to exercise their right to apply for a community asset transfer?
Question (2) by Councillor Darling (S) to the Executive Lead for Environment Councillor Manning	Over a year ago, I shared my concern with Torbay Council regarding the erosion of the sea defence on Redgate Beach Torquay. Since then no remedial action has been taken and the erosion has more than doubled in size. Has the local authority decided to abandon this sea defence, that could result in cliff falls and impact on the South West Coastal footpath?
Question (3) by Councillor Darling (M) to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Finance and Regeneration (Mayor Oliver)	When taking office at No 10 Downing Street Teresa May said her premiership "would make Britain work for everyone." And represent the interests of the many and not the privileged few. In light of the Consultation to change the Council tax support scheme in Torbay which will result in some of the poorest households in Torbay being forced to pay hundreds of additional pounds in Council tax a year. Would you agree with me that one should always judge political parties by their deeds rather than words?
Question (4) by Councillor Doggett to the Executive Lead for Health and Wellbeing and Corporate Services (Councillor Mills)	In light of the new model of care consultation being conducted by our local CCG that could result in the Closure of Paignton hospital can you please advise of what representations you have made as chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board to the secretary of state, for any financial windfalls from the sale of land to be ring fenced and reinvested in our local health and care provision?
Question (5) by Councillor Stringer to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Finance and Regeneration (Mayor Oliver)	A local hotelier has offered to put in £50,000 and his personal expertise to help develop an alternative community led redevelopment of the Pavilion. What response has Torbay Council made to this helpful offer?

Second Round

Question (6) by Councillor Sanders to the Mayor and	To ask the Mayor why his statement of 29 July in relation to Torquay United had to be clarified by Officers after it was sent?
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Executive Lead for Finance and Regeneration (Mayor Oliver)	
Question (7) by Darling (M) to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Finance and Regeneration (Mayor Oliver)	I note that Cllr King is referred to as the Councillor responsible for responses to the consultation on changes to the Council Tax Support scheme. As Councillor Morris holds this area of responsibility in his portfolio why is he not the lead Councillor for this consultation.
Question (8) by Councillor Darling (S) to the Executive Lead for Planning, Transport and Housing (Councillor King)	In Recent months I have found a significant increase in the number of abandoned vehicles that residents are contacting me about. I understand that in July 2016 Torbay dealt with as many abandoned vehicles as the whole of the previous year. How are the Council realigning resources to tackle this increasing problem?
Question (9) by Councillor Doggett to the Executive Lead for Planning, Transport and Housing (Councillor King)	Last year I raised the issue of faded double yellow lines around the Bay. Can you please give me an update as to where we are regarding these? At the time, and really it does happen now, that sadly people will take advantage of the situation, whereby people will park in these areas, which may be dangerous, and also cause the Council to lose Income, as such areas are unenforceable regarding the restrictions they imply by the Parking Attendants!

Third round

Question (10) by Councillor Sanders to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)	To ask the Executive Lead for Transport when he expects to arrange the meeting with myself as promised in his reply to my question at the Full Council Meeting on the 11 th May 2016 about parking and the Disability Discrimination Act, and if he will explain his policy of not responding to emails?
Question (11) by Councillor Darling (M) to the Executive Lead for Planning, Transport and Housing (Councillor King)	Torbay Council started consultation on the 9 August on controversial changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme. Councillors will only be briefed on this matter on 28 September. Surely elected members should be briefed on such possible policy changes at the beginning of the consultation rather than more than half way through it?