

Meeting of the Council

Monday, 31 October 2011

Questions Under Standing Order A13

<p>Question (1) by Councillor McPhail to the Deputy Mayor and Executive Lead for Strategic Planning, Housing and Energy – Councillor Thomas</p>	<p>Can you tell me what we are doing to meet the housing needs of older people in Torbay?</p>
<p>Question (2) by Councillor Barnby to the Executive Lead for Adult Social Care and Older People – Councillor Scouler</p>	<p>What is the Bay Wide CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) and what are the full implications it will have for the residents of Torbay?</p>
<p>Question (3) by Councillor Parrott to the Mayor – Mayor Oliver</p>	<p>Is the Mayor aware that the Localism Bill includes a clause allowing ministers to levy unlimited EU fines on local authorities - as described in official Explanatory Note 18 as follows;</p> <p>‘Explanatory Notes to the bill: PART 2: EU FINES 18. This part creates a power to recover funds from local authorities and other public authorities in England in order to pay all, or part of, a European Court of Justice financial sanction imposed for a failure of the United Kingdom to comply with an obligation under the EU treaties.’</p> <p>and, that this clearly defines his party’s approach to greater local democracy (ie) that Brussels is in ultimate control of Torbay’s finances?</p>
<p>Question (4) by Councillor Cowell to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Employment Regeneration – Mayor Oliver</p>	<p>With the latest unemployment figures revealing Torbay has the highest level of jobless in the South West (4.3%, 6.0% of men), can the Mayor confirm his plans for economic regeneration.</p> <p>In particular,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When will the Torbay Development’s Agency register of employment land and buildings be published and how is it intended to be used?• What measures are being taken to recognise and deal with the alarmingly high levels of jobless 18-24 year olds?

	<p>While welcoming the investment in areas such as Torwood Street, Palm Court and the MDL/Banjo area, the business park at Whiterock has so far only seen the development of yet another hotel. When will jobs from other sectors be provided there and elsewhere?</p> <p>Does the Mayor agree with me that more has to be done now, especially with the increasing number of job losses in the public sector because of the Government imposed cuts, to help create urgently needed jobs ahead of any successful bid for the Link Road?</p>
<p>Question (5) by Councillor Faulkner (J) to the Executive Lead for Adult Social Care and Older People - Councillor Scouler</p>	<p>What is the latest update on the closure of the John Parkes Unit?</p>
<p>Question (6) by Councillor Pentney to the Executive Lead for Finance and Audit – Councillor Tyerman</p>	<p>Is the contract already signed, regarding the lease on Oldway Mansion to be adjusted to reduce the capital receipt Torbay Council will eventually receive?</p>