Meeting of the Council, Thursday, 7 December 2017

Questions Under Standing Order A13

A member may only submit three questions for consideration at each Council Meeting. Each member will present their first question in turn, when all the first questions have been dealt with the second and third questions may be asked in turn. The time for member's questions will be limited to a total of 30 minutes.

Question (1) by Councillor Darling (S) to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)	Torbay Council plans to close Watcombe Beach Car Park, due to antisocial behaviour, were met with horror by many members of the local community. Whilst the stay of execution for the car park is welcome, what action has the local authority taken to tackle the anti-social activities that led to the plans to close this popular car park?
Question (2) by Councillor Darling (M) to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)	A number of residents in Magdalene Road, Torquay have complained to me about the double yellow lines being unenforceable on this highway. Despite numerous requests I understand that Tor2 have not been able to provide a date when work can be undertaken to bring these lines up to an enforceable standard. I would be grateful if you could advise me what action you intend to take to get this matter resolved?
Question (3) by Councillor Sanders to The Elected Mayor and Executive Lead for Finance, Regeneration and Corporate Services (Mayor Oliver)	Will the Elected Mayor a) circulate to elected members and b) post on Torbay Council's website the agreement Torbay Council has signed to participate in a joint committee with the other local authorities in Devon & Somerset?
Question (4) by Councillor Kingscote to The Elected Mayor and Executive Lead for Finance, Regeneration and Corporate Services (Mayor Oliver)	Could The Elected Mayor please advise the Council, how much money (gross and net) the Investment Strategy fund will bring into this authority from 1 st April 2018.
Question (5) by Councillor Lewis to The Elected Mayor and Executive Lead for Finance, Regeneration and Corporate Services (Mayor Oliver)	Taking Torbay Leisure Centre as a recent example of Council offering its buildings on a long term lease free of income in order to keep services both offered and running. Is this a principle that the Mayor now supports and is looking at being one of the solutions in helping to close the ongoing financial gap this Council is experiencing?
Question (6) by Councillor Pentney to the Executive Lead for IT, Libraries and	I note that Cllr Stringer put the following question in on the 5 February 2015. "In recent weeks Devon County Council have stopped Torbay residents from using the Recycling Centre at Brunel Industrial Estate Newton

Waste (Councillor King)	Abbot. What representations have you made to try to ensure that our residents continue to have use of this valued facility."
	There is no record of the Councils response. What progress have the Council made in the last two years for Torbay residents to gain access to this facility?

Second Round

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Question (7) by	I understand from the Community Development Trust and officers of
Councillor Darling	Torbay Council that plans are progressing for a replacement bus service
(S) to the Executive	for the 65/64 bus service. Many of my residents remain stranded with
Lead for	no buses. Will this service be introduced in time for Christmas 2017?
Community	
Services (Councillor	
Excell)	
Question (8) by	What is the current level of Council borrowing so far in this financial
Councillor Sanders	year and what were the levels of Council borrowing in each of the last
to The Elected	four completed financial years?
Mayor and the	
Executive Lead for	
Finance,	
Regeneration and	
Corporate Services	
(Mayor Oliver)	
Question (9) by	Both residents and tourists continue to complain about the blot on the
Councillor Darling	landscape caused by the lack of progress on the Torwood Street
(M) to the Deputy	development.
Mayor and	
Executive Lead for	Would you agree with me that this situation has gone on long enough
Planning	and it is time that Torbay Council started to move towards a compulsory
(Councillor Mills)	purchase order so as to bring things to a satisfactory conclusion?
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Question (10) by	What is the current number of families in Torbay bidding for social
Councillor Pentney	housing?
to The Elected	
Mayor and	
Executive Lead for	
Finance,	
Regeneration and	
Corporate Services	
(Mayor Oliver)	

Third Round

Question (11) by	I understand that following the loss of the 32 bus services officers are
Councillor Darling	exploring the 34 bus service to be extended to Torbay hospital. Can you
(S) to the	give us an update on progress in improving this service and particularly
Executive Lead for	when any such changes may be implemented?
Community	
Services	
(Councillor Excell)	
Question (12) by	Some time ago residents raised the issue of the bollards outside 2
Councillor Darling	Plantation Way, Torquay. These bollards were originally sited
(M) to the	incorrectly. The bollards were then re-sited but constructed with

Executive Lead for Community Services	inappropriate material. Following this the bollards were removed and to date have not been replaced in the correct location. Please could you advise when these bollards will be put back in situ?
(Councillor Excell)	davise when these bonards will be put back in situ:
Question (13) by Councillor Sanders to The Elected Mayor and Executive Lead for Finance, Regeneration and Corporate Services (Mayor Oliver)	How many units of regulated rent secure tenancy (social housing) have been constructed in Torbay in each of the past 5 years for which figures are available?