

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.

<p>Question (1) by Councillor Sanders to the Elected Mayor and Executive Lead for Assets, Finance, Governance and Corporate Services, Economic Regeneration and Transformation (Elected Mayor Oliver)</p>	<p>Can you publish the staff absentee/sickness rates November to October by each department for each of the past three years?</p>
<p>Question (2) by Councillor Long to the Deputy Mayor and Executive Lead for Planning and Waste (Councillor Mills)</p>	<p>Of the residential developments in Torbay that attracted the Council's 30% affordable housing policy, what percentage of the resulting developments were affordable? What percentage of the affordable properties were social rented properties?</p>
<p>Question (3) by Councillor Thomas (D) to the Deputy Mayor and Executive Lead for Planning and Waste (Councillor Mills)</p>	<p>Once again, regrettably we have been experiencing difficulties with recycling collection across the Bay. I am informed that this is due to more cardboard being placed outside for collection than is normal.</p> <p>This should not be a surprise at this time of year. Unlike Easter when the date moves around Christmas Day does not move – it is always 25th December. So it really should not come as a surprise that additional cardboard is presented for recycling after such a holiday when many gifts are given with 90% of them being packed in some form of cardboard.</p> <p>Rather than just shout about this issue and place this question for the Executive lead to answer, I took the time and effort to observe Tor2 operatives on Tuesday 15th Feb to see first-hand what the issues are and to discuss possible ways forward.</p> <p>What has the executive lead with responsibility for waste done personally to help resolve this issue? Has he been out to see the problem first hand? Has he brought forward any suggestions or input into finding solutions to this problem?</p> <p>This problem is a replica of the Summer issue and therefore what lessons have been learned, or not as the case may be, but more importantly what re-assurances can he give this Council that this matter will be resolved once and for all?</p>

<p>Question (4) by Councillor Tyerman to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell)</p>	<p>Residents in Torbay, particularly those living in the Roselands area, have been very tolerant of the disruption caused by the road widening scheme along the western corridor over the last 18 months but I understand their anger when, now, at certain times of the day there are long queues on all routes out of Roselands and along roads in the surrounding area.</p> <p>Changes to the road layout at the Brixham Rd/Yalberton Rd junction have created a very significant worsening of traffic flow in the area between Tweenaway and the junction at White Rock and consequential congestion through Roselands Drive and on Dartmouth Road as traffic tries to find a way around the area hit by major delays.</p> <p>I, together with a number of other Paignton Councillors, have recently received many phone calls and emails. Our residents simply feel that enough is enough. I have been told this situation will only need to be endured for another 8 weeks but residents feel that this is totally unacceptable and I can't disagree with them over this matter.</p> <p>Have you explored, with officers, options for minimising disruption both in terms of its severity and duration and what assessment has been carried out on the impact on local residents, local businesses, schools and visitors to Torbay. Can you explain why different options have been rejected and what mitigating actions have been taken to minimise the impacts that have been so evident since the road junction layout has been changed.</p>
<p>Question (5) by Councillor Lewis (B) to the Executive Lead for Tourism, Culture and Harbours (Councillor Amil)</p>	<p>Before Christmas the slipway on Paignton Seafront was severely damaged. I have had a number of residents and organisations in touch with me to find out when it will be repaired. Can the Executive Lead please inform me when the repairs will take place.</p>
<p>Question (6) by Councillor O'Dwyer to the Deputy Mayor and Executive Lead for Planning and Waste (Councillor Mills)</p>	<p>When in Market Street in Torquay recently I was appalled at the accumulation of both domestic and builders rubbish. A local resident tells me that they have contacted the Council and was referred to Tor2. The resident has complained that contacting Tor2 has not appeared to do anything tangible to resolving the problem.</p> <p>One of the Council's Corporate Plan objectives is to make Torbay a safe and pleasant place to live but the situation in Market Street and indeed other areas around the Town Centre with similar problems does not sit well with this objective. Can you please tell me what you are doing to address this situation and when we will see an improvement.</p>

Second Round

<p>Question (7) by Councillor Sanders to the Elected Mayor and Executive Lead for</p>	<p>Can you publish the staff turnover rates November to October by each department for each of the past three years?</p>
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Assets, Finance, Governance and Corporate Services, Economic Regeneration and Transformation (Elected Mayor Oliver)	
Question (8) by Councillor Long to the Executive Lead for Adults (Councillor Parrott)	<p>Healthwatch England produced a report in October 2018 entitled, “What’s it like to be a carer”. This report was based on interviews with 5447 carers from 27 local authorities in England, including Torbay. Key findings from the report include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carers not being aware of their entitlement to an assessment or access to information and advice from their local authority; • *Carers having to wait 57 days on average for services once they request support; and • Many local authorities not knowing how many Carers there are in their area and very few local authorities knew how long Carers had been waiting for services. <p>What lessons have Torbay Council learnt from this report, and what actions are being taken as a result?</p>

Third Round

Question (9) by Councillor Long to the Elected Mayor and Executive Lead for Assets, Finance, Governance and Corporate Services, Economic Regeneration and Transformation (Elected Mayor Oliver)	<p>I understand that Torbay Council are considering purchasing recycling and refuse collection vehicles for Tor 2 to lease. Has the Council considered purchasing new buses for community groups such as the Torbay Community Development Trust to use on non-commercial bus routes?</p>
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