

Extraordinary Meeting of the Council, Wednesday, 19 June 2019

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 Chris Lewis to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)</p>	<p>Can the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for toilets please advise me why the toilets at Preston Bus Stop, Torquay Road have been closed and when they might re-open? I have been informed the reason was for Anti Social Behaviour, therefore can the Portfolio Holder please advise me in detail the types of incidents with dates that have occurred.</p>
<p>Question (2) by Councillor Long to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Public Health (Councillor Stockman)</p>	<p>On 17th December 2018, the Elected Mayor took the decision to extend the existing Healthwatch contract with Healthwatch Torbay until March 2020. In the reasoning for the Decision the Mayor indicated that in the future the longer term model might be for a Devon wide contract.</p> <p>Healthwatch Torbay provides services above and beyond the statutory services that they are required to provide. There are concerns that a Devon wide Healthwatch contract might dilute those services to those statutory services which means Torbay residents would lose out.</p> <p>What will the decision making process be for awarding the post March 2020 Healthwatch contract, and how will Councillors be involved in that decision?</p>
<p>Question (3) by Councillor O'Dwyer to the Leader of Council, Councillor Steve Darling</p>	<p>In accordance with the Nolan Principles on public life, openness and transparency. Will the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Independent Group, Cllr Vic Ellery jointly publish the Memorandum of Understanding between the Liberal Democrat Group and the Independent Group?</p> <p>This will allow the people of Torbay to understand where the two parties of Councillors have current agreement and the outlay for that supply and confidence to this coalition and to be able to comment.</p>
<p>Question (4) by Councillor Hill to the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Community Services (Councillor Carter)</p>	<p>Following on from the consultation on the suggestion to introduce Town Councils in Torquay and Paignton which concluded on 15th March 2019. Will the Portfolio Holder please provide details of the consultation results? Can they also provide details of their next steps as far as Town Councils are concerned in Torbay.</p>
<p>Question (5) by Councillor David Thomas to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)</p>	<p>I have been approached by many residents regarding the ongoing toilet situation at Goodrington Beach. There is huge concern that the toilet provision for the whole of the beach area may be inadequate. It is understood that the middle toilets are due to be replaced very shortly and the original direction of travel from Council was for the South Beach toilets to continue to operate and open, although they would be run by a third party. I am led to believe this may now not be the case?</p>

	<p>Can the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for toilets please advise me what the current situation is with the toilets at Goodrington Central and in particular the toilets at South and North Beach. Is he able to confirm that ALL toilet provision will remain open for the Summer Seasons, and what are the plans for the future.</p>
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Second Round

<p>Question (6) by Councillor Chris Lewis to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)</p>	<p>The community in Preston are having more and more difficulty crossing the road at the Conservative Club, Torquay Road to get to Pembroke Surgery. When the road was upgraded, provision was made to provide a crossing at some point in the future. The cables and all necessary works are already in the ground and can be used to create a public crossing 'when the time is right'. Due to the surgery now operating properly and at near to full capacity and the Tesco Shop trading successfully, we believe the time is now right to install the crossing and making this a safe road to cross. It is extremely dangerous to cross both lanes and there have recently been very many 'near misses'. Could the Portfolio for highways please tell us if this is now a priority and will therefore be dealt with as such.</p>
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