

Meeting of the Council, Thursday, 24 October 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 Leader of the Council (Councillor Steve Darling)</p>	<p>In the past the Conservatives have offered the role of Civic Mayor to opposition members on a number of occasions. The Partnership, according to their agreement, will not be offering the role of Civic Mayor to a Conservative Councillor whilst the partnership are in control of the Council. By taking this action the Partnership is excluding a number of long standing and distinguished Members from holding the non political office of Civic Mayor. Will the Leader of the Council please inform us why the Partnership has decided to take this action?</p>
<p>Question (2) by Councillor David Thomas to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Steve Darling)</p>	<p>Can the Leader of the Council please provide a 'line by line' document outlining the cost of the second phase of Town Council Consultation. The document should include officer time, printing of material, room hire, direct mailing, creation of videos, online promotions and any other items of expenditure.</p>
<p>Question (3) by Councillor O'Dwyer to the to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)</p>	<p>Is the Council in breach of the Equalities Act, given there are some unpassable and inaccessible public pavements for elderly or disabled residents across the bay, when it is reasonable and reasonably easy to provide alternative options of widening said pavements or for example removing offending obstacles. What are the requirements of the Acts in this respect regarding public spaces and highways?</p>

Second Round

<p>Question (4) by Councillor O'Dwyer to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)</p>	<p>Who are our independent sector specific advisors on the New Company that has recently been incorporated that will be taking over responsibility for the services currently delivered by Tor2 next July who are supporting both our creation and the implementation of that new business, and can you also provide the names of the legal and financial specialists supporting the authority on this project?</p>
<p>Question (5) by Councillor Chris Lewis to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)</p>	<p>The proposed Torquay Road zebra crossing opposite Preston Conservative Club and Pembroke Surgery is important to residents and vital for safety reasons. At Council on 18 July 2019 the Interim Director of Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture were requested to consider a relevant business case for a pedestrian crossing on Torquay Road, Preston within 3 months. Can the Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture please provide an update on the proposed pedestrian crossing?</p>

Third Round

<p>Question (6) by Councillor O'Dwyer to the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Tourism and Housing (Councillor Long)</p>	<p>The wholly owned housing companies were agreed in principle to be transferred in December 2018 to the TDA and building progressed at speed with the grant of funding, can you provide an urgent response on their progress and the current status of the new registered housing provider?</p> <p>What planning permissions have now been granted, what land has been transferred to them so far and for what consideration.</p> <p>A Chief Executive decision titled 'Allocation of Affordable Housing Budget' published on 7 December 2017, provides up to £100,000 from the Council's Affordable Housing budget to the Housing Company to fund the necessary works to obtain planning permissions on sites at Totnes Road and Redwell Lane, I believe only one of these sites was progressed to a full planning application and according to Companies House the Housing Companies themselves never spent any money. Could you advise the Council as to the current position with regards to this £100,000 allocation?</p>
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