Meeting of the Council

Thursday, 24 March 2011

Questions Under Standing Order A13

Question (1) by Councillor Darling to the Cabinet Member for Community Services	Torbay Council has received a substantial 106 agreement payment which was going to increase the frequency of the 64 and 65 bus route from 2 hourly to hourly. Can you confirm when the money was received by the Council, and when it is going to be used to increase the frequency of the 64/65 bus service?	
Councillor Butt	The operator has been contacted and will be arranging to meet officers at the beginning of April 2011 when a commencement date and service schedule can be agreed.	
Question (2) by Councillor Carter (C) to the Cabinet Member for Community	Quaywest Car Park is closed during the winter season. Youngs Park Car Park is closed at night time. Why are they both flood lit during the night when they are closed, and	
Services	what does this cost in financial terms and in carbon emissions?	
Councillor Butt	Quay West Car Park was requested to be lit by the Police in the past to reduce anti social behaviour however the lights have now been turned off for some weeks on a permanent basis to save energy and anti social behaviour is no longer an issue in this location.	
	All the remaining surface level car park lighting will be reduced as part of the overall budget cuts in relation to street lighting planned in the next financial year. We are currently installing time clocks where appropriate to ensure all surface level car park lights can be controlled effectively.	
	Over the past few years the 'Parking Team' have worked closely with Frances Bullock, The Councils Carbon Reduction Officer in reducing emissions from car parks and in particular have installed energy saving devices in the multi storey car parks and more projects are planned for the coming year.	
Question (3) by Councillor Darling to the Cabinet Member for Community Services	Why did it not come to light during the budget process that the funding of the adhoc grant to Swim Torquay in Plainmoor was coming to an end?	

Councillor Butt	Swim Torquay has received three ad hoc contributions over the past three years, and it was because these were ad hoc contributions they would not come to light in the budget process. Immediate steps have been taken to assist Swim Torquay with further finance, we have also undertaken steps to improve communication and understanding. An officer from Residents' and Visitor Services will also be attending future Management Committee meetings.		
Question (4) by Councillor Darling to the Cabinet Member for Community Services	Please could you provide a breakdown of how many permanent Full Time Equivalent Staff and agency staff Tor 2 employed for the last calendar month that figures are available?		
Councillor Butt	The data for March 2011 shows that there are 365 full time equivalent staff employed by TOR2, consisting of:		
	· Permanent	258 FTE	
	· Temporary	92 FTE	
	· Temporary to permanent month)	15 FTE (due to be permanently recruited this	
Urgent Question, allowed by the Chairman in accordance with Standing Order A13.2 (ii), by Councillor Darling to the Mayor.	How much has it cost to book rooms for meetings, training or any other events at the Riviera Centre for the 2010/11 financial year, and for the current financial year to date.		
Mayor	There has been a substantial reduction in the amount paid for room hire to the Riviera Centre in 2010/2011 compared with 2009/10.		