

Meeting of the Council, Thursday, 27 February 2020

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 Kennedy to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Steve Darling)	We have a great many meetings in the evenings, at which at least one Officer is required to attend. I understand that those Officers are given time off in lieu should there be a need to remain beyond normal working hours. Is this the case, or is there an alternative arrangement? If time off in lieu is the 'norm' is it at time and a third or time and a half? How many Officer hours would you estimate we are losing per month?
Councillor Steve Darling	There are no lost hours in respect of officer time. Officers are contracted to work on a full time basis for 37 hours per week. The Council operates a flexi time system for officers, so that any hours worked in excess of 37 hours can be taken at another time on a flat rate. However, for the Council's most senior officers it is recognised that many additional hours are worked, including evening meetings, and it is often impossible to claim the time back.