

## Meeting of the Council, Thursday, 21 May 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.

#### Round 1

Question (1) by Councillor Foster to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)	The Government has now given guidance that Municipal Recycling Centres can be opened again. Can you please update Torbay residents on when Torbay's Recycling Centre will be open and what measures will be put in place to manage traffic control, social distancing and the safety of residents and staff on the site.
Question (2) by Councillor Barbara Lewis to the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Tourism and Housing (Councillor Long)	Can you please provide me with an update of what is happening at Crossways.
Question (3) by Councillor David Thomas to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)	On my Riviera FM show on Tuesday 14th April 2020. Cllr Morey informed myself and listeners that he was looking to introduce a kerbside green waste collection in short order, his direct quote was 'not wait and see, something will be afoot sooner rather than later'. More than 1 month has passed since that promise and we have still not seen the introduction of this much needed service. Can Cllr. Morey please advise when it will be introduced and quantify timescales, I believe most people listening would expect more than a month to be in the 'later' bracket and doesn't feel like 'sooner'.
Question (4) by Councillor Hill to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)	I have had a number of residents complain to me about people having bonfires in their gardens, burning garden waste. This is not only anti-social, but dangerous to some residents health who have difficulties with respiratory problems. Apart from a press release asking residents not to partake in bonfires, what else have the administration done or is about to do to help alleviate this situation.

<p>Question (5) by Councillor O'Dwyer to the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Tourism and Housing (Councillor Long)</p>	<p>As the purchase of Debenhams was a regeneration purchase to improve the property and or facilitate change of use and or redevelop the site to ensure the site does not remain empty.</p> <p>What validated evidence was provided to ensure the site would break even for the authority and produce a positive yield over the first 5 years as this is currently a non producing income asset and limited due diligence was carried out plus there was no running costs/carry financial information provided except that any Fleetwalk profits would pay the current interest, capital repayments, management costs and planning fees.</p>
<p>Question (6) by Councillor Skyes to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)</p>	<p>With the Government relaxing the rules on visiting beaches when will the Partnership re open the Toilets and Car Parks in the beach areas. In addition will the summer bins be put out and the cleaners who keep the beaches/proms clean be employed.</p>
<p>Question (7) by Councillor Pentney to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Public Health (Councillor Stockman)</p>	<p>I am aware of a number of Torbay residents who have arranged a Coronavirus test via the Government registration site and have ended up going to Exeter to have the test done. The Test Centre in Torquay was not an option when they tried to book the test. Why has this situation occurred?</p>
<p>Question (8) by Councillor Howgate to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Public Health (Councillor Stockman)</p>	<p>The chief executive recently said that Torbay had limited supplies of government supplied PPE. Can you update us over the level of supply over the lockdown in Torbay and how close Torbay has been to running out of PPE.</p>
<p>Question (9) by Councillor Dart to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services (Councillor Law)</p>	<p>National press, including channel 4 news, has highlighted a chaotic system around schools being able to obtain free school meal vouchers. Has Torbay been similarly affected and how are we supporting some of the most vulnerable families in Torbay.</p>
<p>Question (10) by Councillor Mandy Darling to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Public Health (Councillor Stockman)</p>	<p>In my role as a Parkinson's coordinator at Torbay hospital we have been issuing hundreds of shielding letters to vulnerable people across South Devon. This has been encouraging them to register with the national shielding system. I have had dozens of people contacting me who have been thrown out of the registration system due to an error in the governments system. What problems has the shielding hub experienced with local residents experiencing the same problems.</p>

Question (11) by Councillor Atiya-Alla to the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance (Councillor Cowell)	Due to huge pressures on local government finance and despite the DCLG telling councils to spend what they have got through the crisis, what is the immediate risk to services that we provide?
Question (12) by Councillor Dudley to the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance (Councillor Cowell)	Has the HM treasury provided extra resources or appropriate recompense for administration of business support schemes.
Question (13) by Councillor Doggett to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Public Health (Councillor Stockman)	Has the HM treasury provided extra resources or appropriate recompense for PPE for council staff and those working in the care sector?

## Second Round

Question (14) by Councillor Foster to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)	As Torbay residents start to get back to work, what measures does the council propose to enable more cycling to work, and how will the council consult with local residents on its proposals.
Question (15) by Councillor O'Dwyer to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)	What percentage are we still paying of the full Contract fee to TOR 2 currently and what full services are we still receiving.

<p>Question (16) by Councillor Howgate to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Public Health (Councillor Stockman)</p>	<p>Can the council confirm that no discharged hospital patients have been admitted into care homes without being tested for the virus first and receiving the all clear?</p>
<p>Question (17) by Councillor Dart to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services (Councillor Law)</p>	<p>Has the HM treasury provided extra resources or appropriate recompense for support for families undertaking home schooling?</p>
<p>Question (18) by Councillor Dudley to the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance (Councillor Cowell)</p>	<p>Has the HM treasury provided extra resources or appropriate recompense for loss of income from planning fees, car parking charges and other usual income?</p>
<p>Question (19) by Councillor Doggett to the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Tourism and Housing (Councillor Long)</p>	<p>Investing in our town centres is even more important in light of the economic downturn. Can you please advise what advice you may have received about bringing forward and perhaps increasing the £15 Million future highstreets fund for Paignton.</p>
<p>Question (20) by Councillor Pentney to the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Tourism and Housing (Councillor Long)</p>	<p>The Torquay town deal fund is an opportunity of £25 Million to boost our town centre. Can you please explain how the council have been progressing this much needed investment in Torquay.</p>

### Third Round

<p>Question (21) by Councillor O'Dwyer to the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance (Councillor Cowell)</p>	<p>The previous budgets agreed by this administration only in February were obviously irrelevant before their implementation. On top of retaining the Moratorium into this financial year on spending what other cost savings and services changes were proposed and made by the authority before this new financial year started, when it was clear there would be a significant impact to income and the costs of the authority.</p> <p>Can you please provide the new budget assumptions for all of our services you have been working from, to all members to ensure knowledge of our financial stability and viability in the medium to longer term.</p>
<p>Question (22) by Councillor Dudley to the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance (Councillor Cowell)</p>	<p>Has the HM treasury provided extra resources or appropriate recompense for technical support for staff working from home, similar to the £10,000 allowance for MPs.</p>
<p>Question (23) by Councillor Howgate to the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Tourism and Housing (Councillor Long)</p>	<p>With the government giving the green light to day trippers from potentially areas of higher infection of COVID-19, which is highly likely to increase infections in Torbay, how is the council planning to protect our vulnerable community from this potential infection.</p>