

## Meeting of the Council, Thursday, 8 December 2022

### Questions Under Standing Order A12

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.

#### First Round

Question (1) from Councillor Foster to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)	<p>Can the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture please give me an update of the spending of the extra £600,000 (£570,000 plus £30,000) that was added into Torbay Council Highways Budget for 2022 – 2023, could he please list:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) What works have already been started or completed between 1 April 2022 to date and the costs of these works? and</li><li>2) What works are programmed between now and 31 March 2023 and the anticipated costs of these works?</li></ol>
Question (2) from Councillor Bye to the Cabinet Member for Finance (Councillor Cowell)	<p>How much has Torbay Council's borrowing increased since May 2019 and how much is it likely to increase by May 2023?</p>
Question (3) from Councillor O'Dwyer to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)	<p>Torbay Council declared a climate emergency almost 4 years ago. Since that declaration how many vehicles hired or owned by the Council or our wholly owned subsidiary companies have been fully electric vehicles or hybrids? In order to allow a comparison please also provide the number of owned or hired petrol and diesel vehicles.</p> <p>Further, since that declaration what percentage of our energy usage across Council owned offices and properties come from actual renewable sources and how much renewable energy production per annum does the authority generate across its estate?</p>

#### Second Round

Question (4) from Councillor Foster to the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Community Services (Councillor Carter)	<p>How many homes in Torbay are currently empty and have been empty for longer than 6 Months?</p>
Question (5) from Councillor Bye to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)	<p>An elderly Wellswood resident was knocked down and hospitalised on Christmas Eve 2020 at the pedestrian crossing on Babbacombe Road by Wellswood Avenue, Torquay, and he now wants to ensure the crossing is made safe and at the very least requests that the white lines are refreshed.</p> <p>I made an enquiry to Highways in this respect on 1 August 2022, and it took 10 weeks for them to acknowledge. Why did it take this time to respond and when will the white lines get refreshed at this pedestrian</p>

	crossing and at the crossing by Lisburne Square, Torquay which is also in a very poor state?
Question (6) from Councillor O'Dwyer to the Cabinet Member for Finance (Councillor Cowell)	<p>On 27 October 2022 the Council took a decision to fund the completion of the Harbour View Hotel and decided to create a Capital Contingency Fund. The revenue costs in future years of both of these decisions will be an 'average' of £600,000.</p> <p>How many years will the Capital Contingency Fund of an average of £600,000 need to be built into future years budget and what services will have to be cut to fund this and could the Cabinet Member for Finance reconsider whether there are any impacts to public health and socio-economic deprivation factors that weren't covered in the original report.</p>

### Third Round

Question (7) from Councillor Foster to the Climate Change Member Champion (Councillor Atiya-Alla)	Will the Climate Change Member Champion please say how many of the Torbay Climate Partnership meetings he has attended in the last 12 months?
Question (8) from Councillor Bye to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)	The Council Car Park nearest to Kilmorrie Flats by Meadfoot Beach, Torquay, has become a place in the evening and late at night for people racing cars to congregate, creating excessive noise, anti-social behaviour as well as being a danger to themselves and others, behaviour that has had a substantial impact on the quality of life for residents. When will a barrier at the entrance be re-instated?
Question (9) from Councillor O'Dwyer to the Cabinet Members for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture (Councillor Morey)	At the Council meeting on 13 October 2022, I asked a question regarding the number of enforcement notices issued and the number of planning enforcement orders and breach of conditions notices issued. Given the low numbers provided in the answer to this question, can the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture confirm that we are protecting local heritage and offering the services residents expect? In order to add context to your answer, please provide the number of open planning enforcement cases, how many are received each month and how many are being investigated and closed off each month?