

## **Meeting of the Council, Thursday, 11 September 2025**

### **Members' 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**

##### **Councillor Carter to the Cabinet Member for Pride in Place, Transport and Parking (Councillor Billings)**

Can the Cabinet Member for Pride in Place, Transport and Parking advise how the local authority (both members and officers) have been supporting the Torbay Rail Line Users Group in the last 2 years?

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##### **Question 2**

##### **Councillor Long to the Cabinet Member for Pride in Place, Transport and Parking (Councillor Billings)**

Residents have been advising that some drivers are ignoring the new 20mph speed limits in the new 20mph zones. How have the Council been working with the Police to ensure that there is enforcement for the new 20mph zones?

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##### **Question 3**

##### **Councillor Pentney to the Cabinet Member for Pride in Place, Transport and Parking (Councillor Billings)**

The paper recycling bank has been removed from Brunswick Square car park in Torquay. Residents have contacted me enquiring when it will be returned. Can the Cabinet member advise when it will return?

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#### **Second Round**

##### **Question 4**

##### **Councillor Carter to the Leader of the Council (Councillor David Thomas)**

Can the council please confirm which elected member is appointed to support the Torbay Rail Line Users Group?

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### **Question 5**

#### **Councillor Pentney to the Cabinet Member for Place Development and Economic Growth (Councillor Chris Lewis)**

We have been through an entire summer season where Fleet Walk remains hampered by broken lifts and escalators that have been out of action for months. With no repairs in sight, local shoppers, residents and businesses are being let down. Why has the administration failed to act, and what is being done to urgently address this?

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### **Question 6**

#### **Councillor Long to the Cabinet Member for Pride in Place, Transport and Parking (Councillor Billings)**

Across Torbay residents have been advising for months about weeds and overgrown bushes. Areas include (but are not limited to) Audley Park (Tormohun) Barton Road (Tormohun) Barton Hill Way (Barton with Watcombe), Brownsbridge Road (Barton with Watcombe) Fore Street (Barton with Watcombe), Southern Close (Barton with Watcombe), Shorton Valley Road (Preston), Portland Road (Babbacombe in St Marychurch) the list could go on and on. When will the Council be in a position to deal with the weeds and overgrown bushes epidemic?

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## **Third Round**

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### **Question 7**

#### **Councillor Carter to the Cabinet Member for Pride in Place, Transport and Parking (Councillor Billings)**

I understand Groundwork South were successfully awarded £250,000 by the Heritage Lottery Fund to help deliver a three-year project for local families to engage with Westerland Valley country park in educational and cultural and environmental activities and biodiversity improvement. I understand this was awarded in August 2023. However, after significant delay from the local authority who chose not to engage with this opportunity, the £250,000 heritage lottery fund had to be returned. Can the local authority explain why this money was not put to good use to support our communities in Paignton?

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**Urgent Question Accepted by The Worshipful Mayor of Torbay in accordance with Council Standing Order A13.2(ii)**

## **Question 8**

### **Councillor George Darling to the Cabinet Member for Place Development and Economic Growth (Councillor Chris Lewis)**

Could the Cabinet Member for Place Development and Economic Growth advise as to why the Retail Unit Improvement Grant aspect of the Enterprise Fund is limited to only the town centres. Many retailers in our village-highstreets could benefit from this grant, would the cabinet member consider extending the scheme to allow these retailers to apply?