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Wednesday, 22 February 2012

Meeting of the Council

Dear Member

I am pleased to invite you to attend a meeting of Torbay Council which will be held in **Ballroom, Oldway Mansion, Torquay Road, Paignton, TQ3 2TE** on **Thursday, 1 March 2012** commencing at **5.30 pm**

The items to be discussed at this meeting are attached.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Raikes
Chief Executive

(All members are summoned to attend the meeting of the Council in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972 and Standing Orders A5.)

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Meeting of the Council Agenda

1. **Opening of meeting**

2. **Apologies for absence**

3. **Minutes**

(Pages 1 - 26)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 1 February 2012 and the Adjourned meeting of the Council held on 8 February 2012.

4. **Declarations of interests**

(a) To receive declarations of personal interests in respect of items on this agenda

For reference: Having declared their personal interest members and officers may remain in the meeting and speak (and, in the case of Members, vote on the matter in question). If the Member's interest only arises because they have been appointed to an outside body by the Council (or if the interest is as a member of another public body) then the interest need only be declared if the Member wishes to speak and/or vote on the matter. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

(b) To receive declarations of personal prejudicial interests in respect of items on this agenda

For reference: A Member with a personal interest also has a prejudicial interest in that matter if a member of the public (with knowledge of the relevant facts) would reasonably regard the interest as so significant that it is likely to influence their judgement of the public interest. Where a Member has a personal prejudicial interest he/she must leave the meeting during consideration of the item. However, the Member may remain in the meeting to make representations, answer questions or give evidence if the public have a right to do so, but having done so the Member must then immediately leave the meeting, may not vote and must not improperly seek to influence the outcome of the matter. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

(Please note: If members and officers wish to seek advice on any potential interests they may have, they should contact Democratic Services or Legal Services prior to the meeting.)

5. **Communications**

To receive any communications or announcements from the Chairman, the Mayor, the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator or the Chief Executive.

6. **Petitions**

To receive petitions and any oral representations from the public in accordance with Standing Order A12 as set out below:-

- (a) Petition Against the Pool Closure at Cockington Primary School, Torquay
Approximately 137 signatures, to be presented to Council.
- (b) Petition Requesting the Removal of Grass Verges to Make More Parking Spaces, to Reduce Accidents, Making it Safer for Children to Play and More Accessible for Using Woodend Project
Approximately 65 signatures, this petition has been referred to the decision maker (Highways Services Manager, Patrick Carney in consultation with the Executive Lead for Safer Communities and Transport, Councillor Robert Excell).
- (c) Objection to St Michaels Traffic Action Zone Scheme
Approximately 179 signatures, this petition has been referred to the decision maker (Highways Services Manager, Patrick Carney in consultation with the Executive Lead for Safer Communities and Transport, Councillor Robert Excell).

7. Public question time

To hear and respond to any written questions or statements from members of the public which have been submitted in accordance with Standing Order A24.

‘Dartmouth Road Crossing

In 2011 I with a number of other people with a visual impairment attended a Transport Council meeting to ask for Dartmouth Road crossing to be relocated so that it could become a controlled crossing.

The Highways manager had already carried out a site visit and acknowledged that this would be the best position for a controlled crossing and that it would have been the most desirable position for the crossing when it was first installed.

At the meeting I presented a petition of over a 1000 signatures demonstrating support for the crossing, this included a number of older residents who are in support and have passed on comments to the council that the current crossing is unsatisfactory and dangerous.

The councillors in attendance of the meeting agreed that something should be done as I should not be left isolated in my own home and prevented from visiting my local shops, amenities and from using the bus stop to catch the local bus into town.

Despite strong support by the council and local residents a final commitment has not been made by the council to allocate money for the work to go ahead.

There has been opposition by local businesses because some

parking spaces will be lost, however, there is no evidence that alternative arrangements have been looked at, such as the use of additional parking at the pub ample car park or the use of the community church parking facilities.

I have been campaigning for this improved crossing for many years and want to be able to use my local shops and amenities, independently like other residents and members of the community.

Could the council please provide assurances that money will be allocated for this important work? Provide evidence that all avenues have been examined and carried out to find alternative parking and for local businesses to understand the need of local and vulnerable members of the community?'

8. Members' questions

To answer any questions asked under Standing Order A13.

9. Notice of motions

To consider the following motion, notice of which has been given in accordance with Standing Order A14 by the members indicated:

(a) Regionalised Pay for the Public Sector

This council is aware that the Coalition Government is considering the introduction of regionalised pay for the public sector. Such a policy could have the following negative impacts on Torbay:

- 1) It could reduce incomes in the public sector resulting in an even further reduction of wages.
- 2) Increase the brain drain that Torbay already suffers from.
- 3) Regional pay is unlikely to have any measurable impact in making house prices more affordable.

In light of the above this council requests the Torbay Development Agency to conduct research into the impact of this Government policy on Torbay and share with the Government its findings.

Submitted by Councillors Darling and Pentney

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| 10. | Mayoral Decision - A Tree and Woodland Framework for Torbay 2012-2017 - Subject to Call-In
To consider a report on the above. | (Pages 27 - 114) |
| 11. | Mayoral Decision - Revenue Budget Monitoring 2011/12 (Quarter 3)
To consider the attached report and any recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Board on revenue budget monitoring. | (Pages 115 - 140) |
| 12. | Capital Investment Plan - Budget Monitoring 2011/12 (3rd Quarter)
To consider the attached report and any recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Board on the capital plan monitoring and variations for Quarter 3. | (Pages 141 - 164) |

- 13. Council Tax 2012/13** (Pages 165 - 170)
To consider a report on the setting of the Council Tax for 2012/13.
- 14. Torbay Council Annual Pay Policy Statement** (Pages 171 - 180)
To consider a report on the above.
- 15. Provisional Calendar of Meetings for 2012/2013** (Pages 181 - 186)
To consider a report setting out the provisional calendar of meetings for 2012/2013.