

Torbay Council: Priorities & Resources Review Panel

Briefing Note: Beach Services

When the Priorities and Resources Review Panel met on 16 January 2013 additional information was requested.

1. Page 28 (Buff Papers) shows that the £20,000 reduction in maintenance (contractors) "would mean reductions in the provision of the 5 knot markers" whereas at the meeting the Executive Head said there would be no change in the provision of the 5 know markers.

I can confirm the 5 Knot marker buoys will not form part of the reduction. There is maintenance money which we have consistently not spent over the last three years that will make up this element.

2. Page 38 (Buff Papers) says "beach cleaning will not be carried out daily during this time – however TOR 2 currently provide a beach cleaning service" – clarification was sought about what beach cleaning is undertaken and by which team and whether these services will remain or cease under the proposals

TOR2 clean 5 of the 9 beaches managed by the Beach Services team with the Beach Services team cleaning the remaining which includes Meadfoot, Oddicombe, Breakwater and Shaolstone. The option appraisal for each option will include litter picking, sweeping of proms areas and waste removal from bins at the beaches not covered by TOR2.

All seaweed removal is done by TOR2 and this service remains in place.

The proposals now received from TOR2 do not touch any of the beach cleaning they undertake but will affect the level of cleaning provided to public toilets and street cleansing resumes.