

Meeting of the Council

Thursday, 6 February 2014

Questions Under Standing Order A13

<p>Question (1) by Councillor Darling to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Employment and Regeneration, Finance and Audit (Mayor Oliver)</p>	<p>During the current budget process more members of the public have become aware of the mayoral system and almost all are shocked that the Mayor has the power to force through his budget with only a one third support of the elected Councillors.</p> <p>You are on the record as wanting to abolish the Mayoral system However, your rhetoric does not match with reality.</p> <p>There are record numbers of meetings behind closed doors.</p> <p>Plans to end the Transport working party resulting in more decisions behind closed doors.</p> <p>Less opportunity to hold you to account by you ending cabinet meetings.</p> <p>In light of your professed wish to end the Mayoral system will you forgo your power to force through your budget with only one third of Councillors backing you? This would allow a simple majority on the Council to decide this difficult budget.</p>
<p>Question (2) by Councillor Darling to the Executive Lead for Highways, Transport and Environment (Councillor Hill)</p>	<p>Due to the catastrophic breach of the Livermead Sea Wall on the 1st April 2013 the road was Fully closed for a full month and residents suffered a further three weeks of disrupted use of this highway. At the same quarter Stagecoach saw a 110,000 (6percent) reduction in bus journeys. What impact did the Council's actions have upon the disruption to the bus service?</p>