

Meeting of the Council

Thursday, 6 February 2014

Questions Under Standing Order A13

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| Question (1) by Councillor Baldrey to the Executive Lead for Highways, Transport and Environment (Councillor Hill) | How is Torbay Council in partnership with TOR2 using the persuasion of 'pester power' by children to their parents to promote recycling through Schools? Perhaps families registering to recycle could be entered into a quarterly draw? This could help Torbay achieve our target of 50 percent recycling. |
| Question (2) by Councillor James to the Executive Lead for Business Planning and Governance (Councillor Mills) | What is the pay difference between genders in the council, especially for those on the lowest level of council pay? |
| Question (3) by Councillor James to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Employment and Regeneration, Finance and Audit (Mayor Oliver) | Of the people who have had to start paying council tax since 2013 due to the council tax benefit changes, please will you give us updated figures on how many people have missed a payment, how many people are still in arrears in paying their council tax, how many have faced summons and how many have gone to court? Also, has anybody faced a prison sentence? |
| Question (4) by Councillor James to the Executive Lead for Children, Schools and Families (Councillor Pritchard) | Recently newspapers have raised this issue of victims of domestic violence losing their children who are taken into care. Could this be considered a punishment? Has Children's Services done this in Torbay (in cases where the children themselves have not come to any harm) and if so, how many children have been affected? |
| Question (5) by Councillor James to the Executive Lead for Highways, Transport and Environment | In light of the recent horrendous weather we have experienced, which scientists say we should expect a lot more of in coming years due to man-made climate change, does the Executive Lead for Highways, Transport and Environment agree that tackling climate change is a very important issue and will he be encouraging local people to become as environmentally responsible as possible so we can do our part to help mitigate this very serious threat? |

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| (Councillor Hill) | |
| Question (6) by Councillor James to the Executive Lead for Business Planning and Governance (Councillor Mills) | When will the council be announcing its target for employment of apprentices as promised last year to Overview and Scrutiny? |
| Question (7) by Councillor Stockman to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Employment and Regeneration, Finance and Audit (Mayor Oliver) | The results of the consultations for his budget demonstrate that a majority of those residents who took part were in favour of a 2% Council Tax Rise. Can the Mayor share with us the ECONOMIC basis for not acting upon this, as these funds would have enabled the Council to continue to support the most vulnerable in our Communities whilst seeking new ways of working together. |
| Question (8) by Councillor Darling to the Deputy Mayor and Executive Lead for Strategic Planning, Housing and Energy (Councillor Thomas (D)) | <p>Are you aware of the following councils that are officially supporting the supermarket levy?</p> <p>Weymouth and Portland Oxford Wyre Forest South Hams Derby Southwark Lambeth Sefton</p> <p>Derby and Lambeth have also taken the decision that they want to submit the proposal for a supermarket levy and are at the engagement stage with local people.</p> <p>Has this new information resulted in any further progress on this matter by Torbay Council?</p> |