

Meeting of the Council

Thursday, 30 April 2014

Questions Under Standing Order A13

Question (1) by Councillor Pentney to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Employment and Regeneration, Finance and Audit (Mayor Oliver)	In light of publicity surrounding Akkeron. What action is the Torbay Council taking?
	<p>The following is a factual answer provided by an officer, a full response from Mayor Oliver can be found on the audio recording.</p> <p>The Executive Director has been in contact with Akkeron following recent publicity. James Brent has confirmed his commitment to the Oldway development, and officers are liaising with Akkeron in respect of the programme of works which will lead to its successful delivery.</p>
Question (2) by Councillor Parrott to the Executive Lead for Health and Wellbeing (Councillor Lewis)	How many teenage pregnancies in the Bay ran to term during the most recent full year reporting period (2012)? How many ended in terminations? And, how many ended in miscarriages?
Question (3) by Councillor Parrott to the Executive Lead for Safer Communities, Parking and Sport (Councillor Excell)	How many prosecutions have been brought against the fathers, in cases of teenage pregnancies in the Bay by children under the age of 16 during the most recent full year reporting period (2012)? And, how many of those prosecutions resulted in convictions?
Question (4) by Councillor Parrott to the Executive Lead for Health and Wellbeing (Councillor Lewis)	What was the age of the youngest child to fall pregnant in the Bay during the most recent full year reporting period (2012)?

<p>Question (5) by Councillor Parrott to the Executive Lead for Health and Wellbeing (Councillor Lewis)</p>	<p>In which wards and at which schools did the highest number of teenage pregnancies in the Bay occur during the most recent full year reporting period (2012)?</p>
<p>Question (6) by Councillor Parrott to the Executive Lead for Health and Wellbeing (Councillor Lewis)</p>	<p>How many diagnoses of Attention Deficit/Hyperactive Disorder were made in relation to children and young people under the age of 18 resident in the Bay during each of the years 2009/10, 2010/2011 and 2011/12? And how many prescriptions for Ritalin or other forms of methylphenidate were written by GPs for children and young people under the age of 18, resident in the Bay, for each of these three years?</p>
<p>Question (7) by Councillor Parrott to the Executive Lead for Health and Wellbeing (Councillor Lewis)</p>	<p>How many cases of involuntary tranquiliser addiction have been recorded in the Bay during each of the years 2009/10, 2010/2011 and 2011/12? And how many prescriptions for benzodiazepines, for example temazepam and diazepam, have been written by GPs for residents in the Bay for each of those three years?</p>
<p>Question (8) by Councillor Parrott to the Executive Lead for Health and Wellbeing (Councillor Lewis)</p>	<p>How many prescriptions for methadone have been written by GPs for residents in the Bay for each of the years 2009/10, 2010/2011 and 2011/12?</p>
<p>Question (9) by Councillor Parrott to the Executive Lead for Tourism and Harbours / Council Representative on English Riviera Tourism Company (Councillor Richards)</p>	<p>Is it the case that the English Riviera Tourism Company has made funding subsidy payments to private businesses in the Bay? And, if so, on what basis were those businesses selected to receive such payments?</p>
<p>Question (10) by Councillor Parrott to the Executive Lead for Children, Schools and Families</p>	<p>Is it the case that Parkfield is to house the Torbay Youth Offending Team?</p>

(Councillor Pritchard)	
	<p>The following is a factual answer provided by an officer, a full response from Councillor Pritchard can be found on the audio recording.</p> <p>I am not sure if this question is being asked with a positive or negative inference. Personally I believe there are some real positives in the development of the new Integrated Youth Service, bringing together support for our most vulnerable young people under one service to ensure a very strong support process is in place. This service will be based in Old Parkfield House which again is a strong message of commitment to these young people. I will not comment on the new build at Parkfield as I believe this will cross over with Cllr Parrott's next question.</p>
Question (11) by Councillor Parrott to the Executive Lead for Children, Schools and Families (Councillor Pritchard)	Why was Parkfield only open to the public between 4.30 pm and 6.30 pm and 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm on Tuesday to Friday during the Easter school holidays?
	<p>The following is a factual answer provided by an officer, a full response from Councillor Pritchard can be found on the audio recording.</p> <p>Parkfield is currently going through some changes that will have a direct impact on how it operates. Firstly, we have agreed that Youth Workers are not the best people to run facilities and this will now be undertaken by the TDA ; secondly, a specific arrangement is currently being discussed that will ensure full usage of elements of the building by a local organisation. This is an exciting opportunity that should see full usage of the building in the future and retain the focus on young people of all ages. It will also ensure that the Youth Workers still retained within Children's Services focus on real quality youth work with our young people as opposed to the challenges of facility management.</p>
Question (12) by Councillor Pentney to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Employment and Regeneration, Finance and Audit (Mayor Oliver)	Can you confirm the sum of money received from the sale of Fernham former residential care home that has been placed in a protected account? Can you advise what sums for what purpose have been drawn down from this account?

	<p>The following is a factual answer provided by an officer, a full response from Mayor Oliver can be found on the audio recording.</p> <p>The agreement with Akkeron with respect to the Oldway Development has been made available to all Members through the Oldway Mansion Cross Party Working Group.</p> <p>As per the Development Agreement there is a protected account but it is not a Council account. There is a contractual obligation on Akkeron that any proceeds that the developer generates, such as Fernham, have to be reserved for the development of Oldway Mansion. As the sale of Fernham was a commercial transaction between the Developer and McCarthy and Stone I am not in a position to disclose any further details.</p>
<p>Question (13) by Councillor Darling to the Mayor and Executive Lead for Employment and Regeneration, Finance and Audit</p>	<p>I have been led to believe Westerleigh group have developed a ‘closed shop’ for monumental masons who can conduct works at Torquay crematorium. If this is the case, this is anti competitive and some residents believe that it will result in higher costs. What pressure can you bring to bear to develop an open market for such works?</p>
	<p>The following is a factual answer provided by an officer, a full response from Mayor Oliver can be found on the audio recording.</p> <p>The Westerleigh Group operate the cemeteries and crematorium in Torbay. The contract they have with the Council requires them to allow memorial masons to carry out work at the premises who have purchased appropriate permits to work, as has always been the case. Westerleigh do however contract with their own stonemasons company for certain works.</p>
<p>Question (14) by Councillor Faulkner (J) to the Executive Lead for Safer Communities, Parking and Sport (Councillor Excell</p>	<p>What plans do you have to ensure that Lower Union Street car park is accessible for those residents who wish to use their Disabled persons parking permit?</p>
<p>Question (15) by Councillor Darling to the Executive Lead for Business Planning and Governance</p>	<p>Under the previous Conservative administration the performance targets and performance assessment, for the Chief Executive were conducted with the Mayor and other group leaders. In almost three years of you running the Council no such procedure has been under taken. In light of this can you share with all members the performance targets you have set for the current Senior Officer of the Council.</p>

(Councillor Mills)

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