Bylaws Homeless People and Begging and Traffic Regulation Orders Preventing Motor Homes Parking in Residential Areas

Reasons for call-in

The Mayor's decision is willfully blind to the advice within the officer report presented to the Policy Development and Decision Group.

Why was the report to the Policy Development and Decision Group focused solely on enforcement solutions to address the issue of people sleeping rough on the streets of Torquay and Paignton? Can the Mayor guarantee that he will give proper consideration to how support services could be developed alongside enforcement solutions as this was not explored fully at the meeting?

The Police eluded to "wrap around" services that Exeter City Council were developing at the same time as introducing Public Spaces Protection Orders. Why was this not explored at the meeting?

The Chairman of the PDDG gave the impression that other outside bodies beyond those sat at the table had been invited to the meeting. Which agencies had been invited to attend? If an advocate for the homeless had not been invited, why not?

Taking such a hard-line approach to homelessness and rough sleeping in Torbay after removing the Supporting People safety net is likely to result in damage to the reputation of Torbay.

The debate at the meeting did not have due regard to the principles of the Corporate Plan of using our reducing resources to best effect, reducing demand through prevention and innovation, and taking a joined up and integrated approach.