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CABINET – QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Monday 9 February 2026
2.00 pm
Council House, Plymouth

Cabinet

4. Questions from the Public

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To receive questions from the public in accordance with the Constitution.

Questions, of no longer than 50 words, can be submitted to Democratic Services, Plymouth City Council, Ballard House, Plymouth, PL1 3BJ, or email to democraticservices@plymouth.gov.uk. Any questions must be received at least five clear working days before the date of the meeting.

QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

Please return your completed question form to Democratic Services, Plymouth City Council, Ballard House, West Hoe Road, Plymouth, PL1 3BJ or email:

democraticservices@plymouth.gov.uk

Question to be submitted no later than 5 clear working days before the meeting.

Question submitted by: Byran Driver
To the Cabinet Member or Chair for: Cllr Penberthy
To be asked at the next (Council, Cabinet or Planning Committee) Meeting: Cabinet
Date: 09 February 2026
<p>Question (to be no longer than 50 words):</p> <p>With public toilet provision under review, can the council confirm whether the well-used toilets at Freedom Fields Park will remain open, and explain what public consultation has taken place with local residents and park users?</p>
<p>Will you be attending the meeting in person to ask your question?</p> <p>Yes</p>
<p>Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members / Chairs)</p> <p>Thank you for your question.</p> <p>Councillor Aspinall has been speaking to me on behalf of local residents about the toilets in Freedom Fields Park for a number of months and I would like to thank her for her engagement with me.</p> <p>Your premise that public toilet provision is under review is incorrect. As I recently reported to the Housing and Communities Scrutiny Committee, the Council has a commitment to the continued provision of public toilets. At that meeting I made it clear that there are no plans to close any public toilets and we discussed the key principles for provision.</p> <p>Councillors Aspinall, Dann and Cuddihee are in agreement with me that the Freedom Fields Park toilets should remain open. As there are no changes proposed nor any plans to close these toilets, we have not undertaken any consultation.</p>

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Question submitted by: James Knight
To the Cabinet Member or Chair for: Cllr Penberthy
To be asked at the next (Council, Cabinet or Planning Committee) Meeting: Cabinet
Date: 09 February 2026
Question (to be no longer than 50 words): With recent sea front storm damage should the Gormley statue be moved? Moving to Belvedere vicinity will allow better access for all and make it more prominent and protect it more, it's currently hidden, exposed, rusting and liable to be washed away.
Will you be attending the meeting in person to ask your question? No, but will be watching online.
Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members / Chairs) The pier was significantly strengthened in this area, with the statue's foundations drilled into bed rock. This was anticipating future weather conditions and was a significant investment at the time. This investment was match-funded with the support of Arts Council England funding for public art. There was a selection process and Sir Antony Gormley was selected as the artist. He chose the location.

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