

Question - Full Council Meeting – 9th February 2026

Public Questions ref: Agenda item 17

Dear Town Clerk, Mayor and Councillors

Legislation states Changing Places is a requirement in all public buildings.

As former Councillor and Mayor i was extremely disappointed when this Council resolved for HCC to dismantle the changing places facility for the disabled at the Beehive to provide HCC with more storage room

I ask this Council what is more important Council providing a facility for the disabled or storage for HCC.? Concerns were expressed to this Council HCC proposal to relocate the changing places facility to a smaller room in the Beehive was nothing short of discrimination against the disabled/ most vulnerable

From my experience as former Councillor and Mayor HCC have never wanted the Changing Places facility in the Beehive therefore, I am not surprised HCC having managed to get the council to resolve to relocate the Changing Places facility to proposed smaller room location in the Beehive HCC is now claiming the proposed location is too small to provide a changing places facility

(1) Prior to any resolution being made did HTC or HCC have the common sense to carry out a measurement survey? To see if HCC's proposed relocation Changing Places room was fit for purpose. It appears obviously not.

(2) Has the existing changing places facility that was part of the Beehive build project to provide a (CP) facility for the disabled been dismantled or shall I say destroyed by HCC?

(3) Has this Council as Landlord of a public asset have any intension complying with legislation providing a (CP) facility in the Beehive?

(4) Should HCC not provide an alternative suitable location for (CP) will this Council overturn its resolution and hold HCC responsible/accountable to reinstate existing (CP) at No expense to HTC/Honiton taxpayers

(5) Was a (CP) facility included in HCC's new Lease to comply with Government legislation?

John Zarczynski

Response

From: Stephen Hill <Clerk@honiton.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 February 2026 09:44

To: John Zarczynski

Subject: RE: Full council meeting 9th February 2026

Dear John Zarczynski

Thank you for your questions which was put to Full Council 9.2.26.

The agenda item was for Noting and the Council made no Decision on the matter. However, there was debate about use and condition of the current Changing Places room (at the Beehive) and suitable alternative provision/relocation. This is planned to be discussed at Full Council 9.3.26 and a Decision made by the Council.

Thank you again.

Stephen Hill
Town Clerk
Honiton Town Council