

Record of Officer Decision

Appointment of Overview and Scrutiny Co-Ordinator

Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

Director of Corporate Services on 28 May 2019

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

On 7 May 2019, the Government issued statutory guidance in respect of Overview and Scrutiny. A key issue contained in the guidance is for the Council to consider whether or not to appoint the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator by way of a secret ballot. The Director of Corporate Services has consulted with the Group Leaders and it was felt by all that to conduct the appointment in such a way does not accord with the principles of openness and transparency.

Full details of the guidance can be found at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/800048/Statutory_Guidance_on_Overview_and_Scrutiny_in_Local_and_Combined_Authorities.pdf

Decision Taken:

That Torbay Council will not appoint the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator by way of a secret ballot.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:

The Council does not feel that the appointment to the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator by way of secret ballot is in the public interest as it would not demonstrate the principles of openness and transparency.

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected and Background Papers:

None

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation:

None

Implementation:

This decision will come into force immediately.

A copy of this decision and any supporting documentation considered by the Officer taking this

decision may also be available for inspection by the public at the Council's offices or posted upon payment of any copying and postage charges. Any member of the public wishing to take up either of these options is asked to please ring (01803) 207087 or email governance.support@torbay.gov.uk

Signed: _____ Date: 28 May 2019
Director of Corporate Services