

Record of Officer Decision

Community Governance Review of Torbay - Revised Timetable

Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

Director of Corporate Services on 14 November 2019

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

On 11 January 2019 the Director of Corporate Services approved for publication the Terms of Reference and timetable for the Community Governance Review on the potential establishment of new town Councils for Torquay and Paignton.

The review has progressed through to the second phase consultation, which ended on 25 October 2019. The final proposals and decision were due to be presented to Cabinet on 26 November and Council on 5 December 2019, however, following the calling of a General Election on 12 December 2019 there are now pre-election restrictions which mean that we must not:

- ☒ publish any material which could directly, or be perceived to, have an effect on public support for a political party or candidate. This includes press releases, brochures, leaflets, adverts, newsletters as well as social media and website content; and
- ☒ publish any promotional material which provides information about the General Election.

We must consider very carefully how we undertake;

- ☐ consultations and public forums and whether they are likely to breach the codes of practice, and
- ☐ the hosting of any third party material.

In light of this, and to ensure compliance with the Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity, we have revised the timetable for the review to enable the decision to be considered in the New Year.

Decision Taken:

That the revised timetable attached at Appendix 1 to this Record of Decision be approved.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:

To ensure compliance with the Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity.

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: 14 November 2019
Director of Corporate Services