

## **Record of Decisions**

### **Children's Services - Sufficiency Strategy**

#### **Decision Taker**

Leader of the Council on 24 March 2020

#### **Decision**

- i) that the exempt business cases set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to the submitted report be noted;
- ii) that the principle set out in recommendation 3.1.1 of the exempt submitted report be supported; and
- iii) that the proposals set out in recommendation 3.1.2 of the exempt submitted report be supported.

#### **Reason for the Decision**

The Council's Sufficiency Strategy sets out that in order to improve services to children the Council is required to

- significantly improve the range of foster care resources available to children looked after and;
- consider the introduction of a range of residential resources provided on our behalf by an independent provider(s) to offer Torbay's children specific services to meet their particular needs

As such two business cases have been developed detailing proposals in relation to the above and recommending a course of action.

#### **Implementation**

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 1 April 2020 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny)

#### **Information**

The Council's Sufficiency Strategy set out the Council's clear intention to significantly improve the way in which we provide services to children who become looked after, or are on the edge of care.

In order to achieve this a number of Sufficiency Strategy Workstreams were created to develop the services that will be available to children who may need care, or who are on the edge of care and need intensive support to avoid them becoming avoidably looked after.

As such a number of Sufficiency Strategy business cases are being prepared, with two of these being in relation to fostering and residential homes provision.

**Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision**

None.

**Is this a Key Decision?**

No

**Does the call-in procedure apply?**

Yes

**Declarations of interest** (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leader of Torbay Council