

Record of Officer Decision

Establishment of the Torbay Education Board

Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

Chief Executive of Torbay Council, in consultation with the Elected Mayor and Group Leaders, on 21 May 2018

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

It is proposed that the Torbay Education Board is established with membership and terms of reference set out in the decision below. The Board will meet three times a year. By mutual agreement, additional meetings may be held in order to discuss specific issues. A schedule of meetings will be agreed in advance on a twelve-month cycle with standing agenda items.

The Board can set up sub-groups and working groups as required.

The Board, through the Chairperson will be responsible for preparing an annual report to be shared with all schools.

Decisions will be reached by a consensus; however, voting may take place, in which case each representative will hold one vote. Any matter requiring a vote will be determined by a simple majority of those present and voting.

Quoracy rules should not be needed as members are expected to attend, but in the event of decisions needing to be taken, a meeting will be considered quorate if there are 60% of the members present.

All members of the Torbay Education Board will be responsible for ensuring effective two-way communication between the Board and the group that they represent.

Decision Taken:

- (i) that the Torbay Education Board be established with the following membership and terms of reference:

Terms of Reference:

The purpose of the Torbay Education Board is to improve educational outcomes in all schools by bringing key parts of the school improvement system together to identify good practice and address issues. The board will provide a coordinated approach to improving education outcomes within a diverse education system and be the vehicle for the delivery of the Torbay Education Strategy 2016-2020.

- open and professional engagement between local schools, academies and academy sponsors, and with local government and the agencies of national government;
- enabling cultures for partnerships and alliances as the building blocks of a self-improving system;
- early support, challenge and intervention for all schools and academies to address causes of underperformance – minimising the risk of formal failure;
- quick turnarounds for any school or academy that does become inadequate;
- a coordinated approach to ensuring high quality outcomes for our most vulnerable children and young people; and

- Long term stability within the education sector – supporting strong, sustainable schools for the future.

Specifically, the Board will:

- determine the overall strategy for school improvement and promote this to schools;
- identify good practice locally and nationally and use this to celebrate and drive forward priorities;
- review the performance data and other outcomes based evidence relating to the progress of schools individually and collectively;
- set school improvement priorities for Torbay as a whole;
- commission, broker and signpost school improvement support;
- encourage and sustain robust professional challenge and support between schools/MATs;
- use intelligence to advise and guide on the future system planning;
- ensure that no schools are left out;
- evaluate the impact of support; and
- provide up to date information to the Sub-Regional School Improvement Board.

Initial Membership:

Claire Platt, Primary Headteacher representative

Steve Margetts, Secondary Headteacher representative

June Palmer, Special Headteacher representative

Stewart Biddles, NLECEO Riviera Education Trust

Tracey Cleverly, Director of Education and Primary Headteacher

Lynn Atkinson, CEO and National Leader of Education

Sophie Turner, RSC SW Delivery Team Leader

Claire Nineham, RDD Sub-Regional Lead

Mark Lindfield, Senior HMI Ofsted

John Searson, Diocesan Director of Education

Jackie Eason, Governor Consultant National Leader of Governance

Stephen Criddle, Principal South Devon College

Lisa Toms, Deputy Director of Torbay Teaching School Alliance

Louise Adams, Catholic Diocese Director of Education and Standards Plymouth CAST

Emma Bone, NLE Executive Headteacher

Steve Parrock (Chair), Chief Executive Torbay Council

Roger Hughes, TAPS/Schools Forum Chair

Rachael Williams, Head of Education, Learning and Skills

Andy Dempsey, Director of Children's Services

Julien Parrott, Councillor, Executive Lead for Adults and Children

Debbie Horn, School Improvement Officer

Elaine Gill, NLE Headteacher

Dave Richardson, Children Looked After teacher

Sheena Wright, Early Years representative

- (ii) that future members be nominated from their groups and will contribute on behalf of their groups as system leaders.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:

To establish a Board to improve educational outcomes in all schools by bringing together key parts of the school improvement system.

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 may be implemented immediately.

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Signed: _____ Date: 21 May 2018
Chief Executive of Torbay Council