



18 October 2017

## **CONSTITUTION WORKING PARTY**

A meeting of **Constitution Working Party** will be held on

**Wednesday, 1 November 2017**

commencing at **4.00 pm**

The meeting will be held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Castle Circus, Torquay  
TQ1 3DR

### **Members of the Committee**

Councillor Hill (Chairman)

Councillor Ellery

Councillor Stocks

Councillor Kingscote

Councillor Tolchard

Councillor Mills

Councillor Tyerman

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# CONSTITUTION WORKING PARTY AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**  
To receive an apologies for absence, including notifications if any changes to the membership of the Working Party.
2. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 4)  
To note the Minutes of the Constitution Working Party held on 19 September 2017.
3. **Consideration of Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Torbay Council - Teresa Buckley** (Page 5)  
To consider the submitted report on the above. Paper copies of the consultation document have already been circulated to Members.  
  
An interactive map of the proposals can be viewed at [www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-west/devon/torbay](http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-west/devon/torbay)
4. **Review of Constitution 2019 Update - June Gurry/Anne-Marie Bond**



## Minutes of the Constitution Working Party

19 September 2017

-: Present :-

Councillor Nick Bye, Councillor Steve Darling, Councillor Ray Hill, Councillor Mark Kingscote, Councillor Mike Morey and Councillor Alan Tyerman

(Also in attendance: Anne-Marie Bond and June Gurry)

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### 1. Election of Chairman/woman

Councillor Hill was elected Chairman for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

#### Councillor Hill in the Chair

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Stocks (represented by Councillor Darling (S)) and Councillor Tolchard.

### 3. Review of Constitution - Leader and Cabinet Model of Governance

The Working Party received an outline for its approach for overseeing the review and amendments required to the Constitution when the Council moves from a Mayoral form of governance to a Leader and Cabinet model. Members reviewed a proposed timeline and work programme.

The following was discussed:

- Whether shadow arrangements, with agreement of the Elected Mayor, should be in place prior to May 2019;
- Elected Mayor's Executive representation on the Working Party;
- Ensuring the governance structures and Constitution are fit for the challenges faced by the Council;
- Opportunity to improve current processes and practice; and
- Additional areas to be added to the work programme.

Actions:

1. Conservative Group Leader to be requested to review Conservative Group membership on the Working Party to ensure the Elected Mayor's Executive is represented – Chairman, Councillor Hill

2. Add the following to the work programme:
  - a) approach to member questions (ensuring they are dealt with appropriately and efficiently);
  - b) interaction and involvement of members on outside bodies and feedback mechanism; and
  - c) external relationships and wider governance outside of the Council e.g. Town Councils, engagement with wider community and Combined Authority.

- June Gurry
3. Circulate updated work programme for issues/challenges and good practice to be identified – Working Party/Anne-Marie Bond/June Gurry

**4. Response to Local Government Boundary Commission for England's draft report**

The Working Party recommended that its terms of reference be expanded to enable it to make recommendations to December's Council meeting on the draft report from the Local Boundary Commission for England on warding patterns, due to be received on 3 October 2017. The Group Leaders present at the meeting (Councillors Darling (S) and Morey), agreed for the Monitoring Officer to make this addition.

Action:

Monitoring Officer to seek approval from the Elected Mayor and Conservative Group Leader – Anne-Marie Bond

**5. Dates and times of future meetings**

Actions:

1. Future meetings of the Working Party to be held at 4 pm and not on Mondays – June Gurry/Amy Lawrence
2. Once agreement gained from Mayor and Conservative Group Leader (see minute 4 above), arrange two meetings of the Working Party to receive the review of warding arrangements draft report (w/c 16 October 2017, but avoiding Council meeting preparations) and to make recommendations to Council (w/c 13 November 2017) – Teresa Buckley/Amy Lawrence

## Consideration of Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Torbay Council – Electoral Review

### Constitution Working Party – 1 November 2017

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 Members have received a paper pack setting out the formal response from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on the warding patterns for Torbay Council. This included details of the proposed changes together with large scale maps showing the new proposed wards.
- 1.2 The consultation contains a number of specific questions that Members are asked to consider if they wish to respond to as part of the Council's formal response to the consultation.

#### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That members consider the following questions and if they wish to make a formal response:
  - (a) What are members views about the inclusion of Plainmoor in the St Marychurch Ward rather than the Ellacombe Ward? The current draft proposals have it in the St Marychurch Ward, which is where it currently sits.
  - (b) Should the current Wellswood Ward name be retained or should it be changed to Torwood Ward?
  - (c) Should the Tormohun Ward name be retained?
  - (d) They have proposed a single member ward for Collaton St Mary. Should this remain a single member ward or should it be combined with either the Kings Ash Ward or the Goodrington with Roselands Ward? This would then make them a three member Ward.
- 2.2 That members provide feedback on any detailed alternative proposals/feedback they would like explored further to enable them to agree their final report to Council on 15 November 2017.