



Minutes of the Council
(Council decisions shown in bold text)

18 October 2018

-: Present :-

Chairman of the Council (Councillor Doggett) (In the Chair)
Vice-Chairwoman of the Council (Councillor Barnby)

The Elected Mayor of Torbay (Mayor Oliver)

Councillors Amil, Bent, Brooks, Bye, Darling (M), Darling (S), Ellery, Excell, Haddock, Hill, Kingscote, Lewis (B), Lewis (C), Long, Manning, Mills, Morey, O'Dwyer, Parrott, Pentney, Robson, Sanders, Stockman, Stocks, Stubley, Sykes, Thomas (D), Thomas (J), Tolchard and Tyerman

89 Opening of meeting

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

90 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carter, King, Morris and Winfield.

Councillor Stocks arrived late to the meeting and during consideration of Minute 92.

91 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 September 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

92 Declarations of interests

Councillor Tyerman declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of Minutes 96 and 100 as he was a Trustee of Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust.

(Note: Councillor Stocks joined the meeting during consideration of this item.)

93 Communications

The Chairman:

- a) announced that Torbay had been successful in achieving Gold in the Champions of Champions category in the South West in Bloom awards 2018 and thanked all those involved in achieving this accolade; and
- b) thanked all those involved with dealing with the fire at Scoffs in Paignton on Thursday 11 October 2018, including Council employees, the emergency services, local organisations and volunteers. The Chairman advised that the Council was continuing to support the residents who were evacuated including utilising the Council's Hardship Fund.

Councillor Thomas (D) provided a report to the Council as the Council's representative on the Heart of the South West Joint Committee as attached to these Minutes.

94 Order of Business

In accordance with Standing Order A7.2 in relation to Council meetings, the order of business was varied to enable item 9 on the agenda (Compulsory Purchase of Land at Little Blagdon Farm, Collaton St Mary and Land at Preston Down Road, Paignton) to be considered after item 6 (Public Question Time).

95 Public question time

The Chairman advised that he had allowed a late submission for public question time. Therefore, in accordance with Standing Order A24, the Council heard from Mrs Rugg, Trustee of Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust, who had submitted a statement in relation to the Compulsory Purchase of Land at Little Blagdon Farm, Collaton St Mary and Land at Preston Down Road, Paignton. Elected Mayor Oliver responded to the statement advising that the matter was to be considered at this meeting.

96 Compulsory Purchase of Land at Little Blagdon Farm, Collaton St Mary and Land at Preston Down Road, Paignton

The Council considered the submitted report on a proposal to acquire the leasehold interest in the land that was leased to Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust (TCCT) at Little Blagdon Farm, Collaton St Mary, and Preston Down Road, Paignton, under, if necessary, a compulsory purchase order (CPO). It was noted that the Council had been awarded £3,076,000 of Land Release Fund by the Government to secure the release of the land at both sites to enable residential development. An exempt officer briefing was circulated prior to the meeting.

Elected Mayor proposed and Councillor Mills seconded a motion, as set out below:

- (i) that delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to continue negotiations with TCCT to acquire by agreement the land identified red (Appendices 1 and 2 of the submitted report) at Preston Down Road and Collaton St Mary, with consultation with the Elected Mayor, Group Leaders and Section 151 Officer on any Heads of Terms;

- (ii) that Council approve, if necessary, to progress and ultimately acquire the land identified red (Appendices 1 and 2 of the submitted report) at Preston Down Road and Collaton St Mary by making a Compulsory Purchase Order, under Section 226(1)(a) of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 in respect of all or part of the land edged red on the Order Plans attached at Appendices 1 and 2 and any additional land which is considered to be required in order to bring forward the Enabling Works and the residential development, to ensure the early release of this land by March 2020;
- (iii) that in furtherance of (ii), Council authorise the Chief Executive to take all necessary steps to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of a Compulsory Purchase Order(s), including the publication and service of all notices, requisitions for information, statement of reasons and the preparation and presentation of the Council's case, including at any public inquiry, to secure confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order(s) by the Secretary of State;
- (iv) that in furtherance of (ii) above, the Chief Executive be given delegated authority to enter into agreement with any person to secure the withdrawal of objections to the Compulsory Purchase Order(s) and/or to negotiate and agree terms for the acquisition by agreement of any land, interests or rights as may be required for the Scheme;
- (v) that the Chief Executive be given authority to pay all necessary compensation either as agreed or as determined by the Lands Chamber of the Upper Tribunal in relation to the acquisition of land and other interests or for the overriding or acquisition of rights in consultation with the Councils S151 Officer; and
- (vi) that Council delegate to the Chief Finance Officer the approval of the expenditure of monies (including by prudential borrowing if necessary) required to cover the acquisition of Preston Down Road and Collaton St Mary, either by agreement or by CPO, on the basis that there is a clear business case which demonstrates how the monies are to be repaid from the development of the sites.

During the debate Councillor Thomas (D) proposed and Councillor Bye seconded an amendment to the motion as follows:

- (i) that delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to agree heads of terms with TCCT to acquire by agreement the land identified red (Appendix 1 to the submitted report) at Preston Down Road and Collaton St Mary, in consultation with the Elected Mayor, Group Leaders and s.151 Officer and on the basis that the heads of terms reflect the contents of exempt information (circulated separately under Part 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972); and
- (ii) that Council delegate to the Chief Finance Officer the approval of the expenditure of monies (including by prudential borrowing if necessary)

required to cover the acquisition of Preston Down Road and Collaton St Mary by agreement, on the basis that there is a clear business case which demonstrates how the monies are to be repaid from the development of the sites.

At this juncture and at the request of Chairman, the Chief Executive addressed the meeting as to statements made during the debate and clarified a number of issues in relation to the grant conditions for the Land Release Fund, compulsory purchase orders and the negotiations with the Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust. The Chief Executive then responded to questions from members.

A recorded vote was then taken on the amendment. The voting was taken by roll call as follows: For: Barnby, Bent, Brooks, Bye, Ellery, Haddock, Hill, Kingscote, Lewis (B), Lewis (C), Morey, O'Dwyer, Robson, Stockman, Stubley, Sykes, Thomas (D), Thomas (J) and Tolchard (19); Against: Elected Mayor Oliver, Councillors Amil, Darling (M), Darling (S), Excell, Long, Manning, Mills, Parrott, Pentney, Sanders and Stocks (12); Abstain: Councillors Doggett and Tyerman (2); and Absent: Councillors Carter, King, Morris and Winfield (4). Therefore, the amendment was declared carried.

The amended (substantive) motion was then considered by members, which was agreed by the Council as follows:

- (i) that delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to agree heads of terms with TCCT to acquire by agreement the land identified red (Appendix 1 to the submitted report) at Preston Down Road and Collaton St Mary, in consultation with the Elected Mayor, Group Leaders and s.151 Officer and on the basis that the heads of terms reflect the contents of exempt information (circulated separately under Part 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972); and**
- (ii) that Council delegate to the Chief Finance Officer the approval of the expenditure of monies (including by prudential borrowing if necessary) required to cover the acquisition of Preston Down Road and Collaton St Mary by agreement, on the basis that there is a clear business case which demonstrates how the monies are to be repaid from the development of the sites.**

(Note: Prior to consideration of Minute 96, Councillor Tyerman declared his non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of Torbay Countryside Trust and observed the meeting from the public gallery, did not take part in the debate or vote on the matter.)

97 Members' questions

Members received a paper detailing questions, notice of which had been given in accordance with Standing Order A13. The paper also contained the answers to the questions which had been prepared by Elected Mayor Oliver and Councillors Excell, Mills, Parrott and Stocks and was circulated prior to the meeting. The

Chairman advised that Elected Mayor Oliver had requested Councillor Stocks to respond to question 11.

Supplementary questions were put and answered by Elected Mayor Oliver and Councillors Excell, Mills and Stocks, arising from their responses to the questions in respect of questions 3, 4, 6, 9 and 11.

(Note: Councillor Darling (S) asked supplementary questions in the absence of Councillor Carter.)

98 Notice of motion - Objection to Corporate Asset Management Plan

Members considered a motion in relation to an objection to the current Corporate Asset Management Plan, notice of which was given in accordance with Standing Order A14. In accordance with Standing Order A14.3(b), the motion was dealt with by this meeting.

Councillor Long proposed and Councillor Darling (S) seconded the motion, as set out below:

That the Council notes the aspirations within the emerging Torquay Neighbourhood Plan set out below in relation to Nightingale Park:

“Community Aspiration Services and Facilities. The former tip area adjacent to Browns Bridge Road named as Nightingale Park should continue to be protected for sports and leisure as identified in Torbay’s Playing Pitch Strategy and the adopted Torbay Local Plan. Detailed plans should be developed in accordance with the consultation report published in June 2016 “Nightingale Park Establishing Community Preferences”. It is proposed that a ‘sports and leisure masterplan’ should be developed to properly plan and maximise the area’s potential for sport, leisure which could include woodland walkways and a circuitous route around the park. Wild meadowland could also be included. New development within the area covered by the Gateway Masterplan must be supported by adequate community facilities which should include a new primary school and community health facilities.”

Therefore the Council formally objects to the current Corporate Asset Management Plan on the basis that Nightingale Park is not specifically referenced as land which should be prioritised for community and shared use.

In accordance with the Constitution at F4.9, the Council therefore requires the Mayor to consider this objection by 16 November 2018:

- a) submit a revision of the Corporate Asset Management Plan with the reasons for any amendments to the Council for its consideration; or

- b) inform the Council of any disagreement that the Executive has with any of the Council's objections and the Executive's reasons for any such disagreement.

Councillor Thomas (D) proposed and Councillor Tyerman seconded an amendment to the motion as set out below:

This Council believes in whole place and positive place shaping. Therefore, rather than object to the current policy framework on a single element as set out in the Notice of Motion, this issue be addressed in a strategic manner and be informed in part by the emerging Torquay Neighbourhood Plan, which is due to be presented to the forthcoming Extraordinary Council meeting on 15 November 2018.

As a result of any decisions taken by Council in November 2018, there may be a number of matters which need addressing in the Corporate Asset Management Plan and it would be wise to deal with these together in an holistic manner and not in isolation.

Therefore, this Council requests the Elected Mayor and the Assistant Director of Business Services to review the Corporate Asset Management Plan after the emerging Neighbourhood Plans for Torquay, Paignton and Brixham have been determined to ensure it aligns with the direction of travel of the Council and any required changes to the Plan are presented to the Council at an appropriate time.

A recorded vote was taken on the amendment. The voting was taken by roll call as follows: For: Barnby, Bent, Brooks, Bye, Hill, Kingscote, Lewis (B), Lewis (C), O'Dwyer, Robson, Sykes, Thomas (D), Thomas (J), Tolchard and Tyerman (15); Against: Councillors Amil, Darling (M), Darling (S), Doggett, Ellery, Excell, Long, Manning, Mills, Morey, Parrott, Pentney, Sanders, Stockman and Stocks (15); Abstain: Elected Mayor Oliver, Councillors Haddock and Stubley (3); and Absent: Councillors Carter, King, Morris and Winfield (4). Therefore, in accordance with Standing Order A19.2, the Chairman used his casting vote, voted against the amendment and declared it lost.

Councillor Long's and Councillor Darling's original motion was then considered by the Council which was agreed, as set out below:

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99 Call-in of Elected Mayor's decision in respect of Paignton Townscape

The Council considered the submitted report on a call-in of the Elected Mayor's decision in respect of Paignton Townscape which had been referred to Council for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Board, at its meeting held on 26 September 2018. It was noted the Elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor were unable to attend the Overview and Scrutiny Board, and, therefore, the Board had referred the call-in to Council to enable the reasons for the call-in to be presented to the Council and for the Elected Mayor to be able to hear the concerns raised and respond to them.

Councillor Lewis proposed and Councillor Darling (S) seconded a motion, which was agreed by the Council as set out below:

That the Elected Mayor be requested to reconsider his previous decision in respect of Paignton Townscape in light of the following:

- (a) the detrimental effect on the town and continued blight on the town centre of Crossways in delaying regeneration in Paignton town centre;**
- (b) the importance of improving the street scene for Paignton town centre to encourage further private investment;**
- (c) the fairness of the decision when money has been spent on other wards in Torbay; and**

(d) the potential damage to the economy.

At the invitation of the Chairman, the Elected Mayor confirmed his original decision without modification and his Record of Decision is attached to these Minutes.

100 Capital Funding to support additional places at Roselands Primary

Members considered the submitted report on a proposal to fund an additional classroom at Roselands Primary School from the 2019-2020 Basic Need Funding allocation and Children's Services Capital Programme in order to provide a short term solution to meet the Council's statutory obligation of providing sufficient primary school places in Paignton.

Elected Mayor Oliver proposed and Councillor Stocks seconded a motion, which was agreed (unanimously) by the Council as set out below:

- (i) that the Director of Children's Services be given delegated authority to allocate up to £599,720 from the 2019-20 Basic Need Allocation and Children Services Capital Programme to support the provision of an additional classroom at Roselands Primary School; and**
- (ii) that the transfer of the land edged red shown at Appendix 1 to the submitted report, by way of a 25 year lease at nil cost to Roselands School under the Local Government Act 1972: General Disposal Consent 2003, be approved.**

(Note: Prior to consideration of Minute 100, Councillor Tyerman declared his non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of Torbay Countryside Trust.)

101 Review of Political Balance

The Council considered a report on a review of political balance on committees and working parties following the creation of the Torbay Community Independents Group and Councillor King becoming an independent member.

Elected Mayor Oliver proposed and Councillor Stocks seconded a motion, which was agreed (unanimously) by the Council as set out below:

- (i) that the overall political balance of the committees as set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved; and**
- (ii) that, in accordance with the Local Protocol for Working Parties, the overall political balance of working parties as set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report be approved.**

102 Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2018/19

Members noted the submitted report in respect of the Council's Treasury Management activities during the first part of 2018/19.

103 Composition and Constitution of Executive and Delegation of Executive Functions

The Council received and noted the submitted report in respect of changes made by the Elected Mayor to his Executive.

104 Investment and Regeneration Committee Recommendation - Investment Opportunity

The Chairman advised that there were no recommendations from the Investment and Regeneration Committee and therefore this item was withdrawn from the agenda.

Chairman

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Torbay Council representative on the Heart of the South West Joint Committee

Update to the Council held on 18 October 2018

The third meeting of the Heart of the South West Joint Committee was held on 5 October 2018 at Taunton. The following points provide an outline of the issues discussed at the meeting.

Local Industrial Strategy

- Heart of the South West has been selected to be in Wave 2 of developing Local Industrial Strategies (LIS). The LIS would naturally evolve from the Partnership's existing Productivity Strategy and there is a need to the close collaboration between the Joint Committee and the LEP as it is developed.
- The LIS will need to demonstrate that we are making difference and define our Unique Selling Point.
- We will be working with Government for approval of the LIS by June 2019. The Joint Committee has a key role as a stakeholder in that journey, with the next challenge being prioritising our transformational opportunities.

Productivity Strategy Delivery Plan

- Given that inclusive growth and improved productivity will not happen naturally, there needs to be intervention to help business create improvements in productivity and wealth. The first version of the Delivery Plan was presented to the Joint Committee covering a wide scope of opportunities. The Delivery Plan will be an internal document which enables the Partnership to co-ordinate delivery across key priorities. It outlines existing work and that required in the future.
- The Delivery Plan is broadly divided into two sections – a “core offer” concentrating on business support and skills available to all people and businesses in the region; and a section focussing on the opportunities available in Devon and Somerset.
- Currently the Delivery Plan covers half of the opportunities previously agreed by the Joint Committee: Digital (Photonics); Advanced Engineering (Marine; Nuclear); High-value Tourism; and Farming, Food and Fishing.
- Content around core infrastructure and housing as well as on the other opportunities is progressing with a view to updating the Plan in early 2019.

Communications Document

- A communications document has been developed which is an extract from the Delivery Plan. It is more succinct than the Delivery Plan and is targeted at MPs, Ministers and Officials as part of continuing to raise the profile of the Heart of the

South West ahead of the 2018 Budget, the 2019 Spending Review and the anticipated launch of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

- The document will be shared with a covering letter setting out the Partnership's current "asks":
 - Recognition of the Great South West (GSW) Partnership in the Autumn Budget Statement together with a commitment to co-design a Rural Deal - a 'Rural Productivity Partnership' with GSW following publication of Rural Productivity Commission Report earlier in the year
 - Strategic Connectivity
 - Confirmation of Sub National Transport Body/ (ies)
 - Peninsular Rail priorities – e.g. commitment for funding Dawlish
 - Funding commitment for A303 improvements
 - Superfast Broadband and 5G trials
 - A38/M5 Growth Corridor study by National Infrastructure Commission
 - Transforming Cities and Strength in Places bids agreed
 - EU Fisheries underspend proposal: an offer to work with Government to develop a proposal to utilise the projected underspend in the current EU Fisheries budget.
 - Nuclear Sector Deal (and others specifically Maritime and Defence) to have clear place-based elements/funding, recognising the HotSW opportunity in these
 - LIS specific: encourage joint working with West of England Combined Authority on Wave 2 Local Industrial Strategies particularly around connectivity and smart specialisations e.g. Nuclear and Aerospace

Housing Summit

- A brief resume of the Housing Summit held on 28 September 2018 at Exeter was provided. Homes England had attended the Summit and two primary offers for the South West around investment and land acquisition/disposal. Taking the learning from the Summit, the Partnership will now be developing a bespoke package of asks and offers to Government.

Governance

- In the light of the Government's announcements from the LEP Review, it is the intention to revisit the role, function and support for the Joint Committee. There has been a natural evolution of the strong and flexible relationship between the Joint

Committee and the LEP over the last two years. The Joint Committee will continue to have a key role overseeing and delivering elements of the Productivity Strategy that don't fall under the Local Industrial Strategy. There will be a recommendation to the constituent authorities to delegate authority to the Joint Committee to agree the Councils' input into the development and approval of the LIS. This is urgent given the timetable for the development of the LIS.

Brexit Risks and Opportunities Group

- BROG have been looking at deal and no deal scenarios. The impact on local government is in three areas – services, local economies, and society. The Group is keen for the Government to share their risk assessments so we can plan properly as there is concern is that there may be a shift in focus to local government (for example, in a no deal scenario the Government expects Trading Standards and Environmental Health to 'step up' but capacity in these areas is down to the bone).
- HotSW BROG are working with Cornwall on issues of common interest including a joint response to the Agriculture Bill.

Transport for the SW Peninsula

- Good progress has been made to establishing our Sub-national Transport Body (STB) with the first formal meeting on 8 November 2018. There are five councils involved (Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Torbay and Somerset) and we are looking to establish close links with the neighbouring Western Gateway STB. Key functions will be to develop a sub-regional Transport Strategy for the area and to influence Government thinking and policy on strategic transport issues. The STB's initial status will be an informal, non-statutory partnership with a view to accessing Government money this year to develop a business case to establish a statutory body as soon as is practicable.

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Record of Decision

Elected Mayor's Response to the Call-in of his decision in respect of Paignton Townscape

Decision Taker

Elected Mayor on 18 October 2018

Decision

That the original decision be confirmed as follows:

- (i) that the decision taken by the Council to borrow £1.172m from PWLB for the Paignton Townscape scheme is postponed and that alternative sources of funding are explored and a detailed business case is produced before any further work is carried out on this scheme; and
- (ii) that the implementation of the Paignton Townscape scheme is considered as part of the 2019/20 budget setting process.

Reason for the Decision

The Executive and fellow Councillors all want to see improvements made to Torbay's Town Centres and important public spaces. This £1m+ project, which came before Council via a Motion and without a supporting Officer Report, is one such project.

Regretfully we have needed to pause the project and the procurement phase as we have been unable to identify appropriate sources of funding at this time or in the near future to continue. Due to significant in-year cost pressures in Children's Safeguarding, we have introduced a complete moratorium on non-urgent spend and a recruitment freeze is now in place for all posts which are deemed not to be posts required to fulfil statutory requirements. Furthermore we are confidently expecting a further £6m of cuts next year and £4m the year after.

The Council has now virtually run out assets to sell. Our reserves are being depleted and it would not be sensible, at this time, to proceed with any further unsupported borrowing.

With regard the proposition that this Council has favoured Torquay over Paignton and Brixham, it is not correct, based on headcount and actual need as shown by the table below:

Project	Total Project Cost £m	Dates
	TORQUAY	
Torre Abbey renovation (I/II)	11.97	2005-2015
Princess Promenade (West)	3.84	2007-2010
Rock Walk stabilisation	3.76	2008-2012
Sea Change Cockington	3.28	2009-2014
Haldon Pier (I/11)	3.06	2009-2017
Beach Huts Meadfoot	2.16	2014-2016
BIC (Lymington Road)	2.14	2008-2009
Princess Pier structural	1.66	current
Dunboyne/Sanctuary ECH	1.24	2009-2012
Town Dock	1.15	2007-2009
Inner Harbour	0.97	2014-2017
Torbay Enterprise Project	0.75	2011-2016
Townscape Heritage	0.71	2009-2010

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Livermead Sea Wall	0.67	2013-2015
SWIM Torquay	0.59	2013-2015
Other capex <£500k	4.76	
	41.71	
	BRIXHAM	
Harbour regeneration	19.74	2008-2013
Victoria Breakwater	3.89	current
Oxen Cove landing jetty	1.97	current
Various major repairs Brixham	1.02	2007-2009
Sea Change Berry Head	0.71	2009-2010
Other capex <£500k	1.50	
	28.83	
	PAIGNTON	
Paignton Library building	6.16	2009-2011
South Devon College	18.00	(of which £4m provided by Council)
Paignton Flood Defence Scheme	1.93	2006-2008
Parkwood Leisure (TLC)	1.70	2018
Hollicombe Cliffs rock armour	1.54	2017-2018
RHT regeneration Foxhole Rd	0.88	2007-2008
Palace Theatre redevelopment	0.88	2006-2009
Paignton Velodrome cyclopark	0.82	2014-2015
Paignton Geopark	0.63	2013-2014
TLC structural	0.54	2013-2014
Other capex <£500k	2.21	
My Place Parkfield	5.26	
Western Corridor	11.95	(£9.3m spend to date)
EPIC	7.70	(now mostly committed)
Graphics Controls	6.60	
	66.80	

This decision will enable funding of the Paignton Townscape scheme to be considered alongside other Council priorities as part of the budget setting process for 2019/2020.

Implementation

This decision will come into force immediately.

Information

At the Council meeting held on 18 October 2018 Members considered the call-in of the Elected Mayor's decision in respect of Paignton Townscape which had been referred to Council by the Overview and Scrutiny Board as the Elected Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Lead Call-in Promoter were all unable to attend the Board meeting. Members felt that it was unfair to consider the call-in at the Board meeting and that the Elected Mayor should be able to hear the debate and concerns raised in order for him to be able to respond to them.

The Council resolved:

“That the Elected Mayor be requested to reconsider his previous decision in respect of Paignton Townscape in light of the following:

- (a) the detrimental effect on the town and continued blight on the town centre of Crossways in delaying regeneration in Paignton town centre;

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- (b) the importance of improving the street scene for Paignton town centre to encourage further private investment;
- (c) the fairness of the decision when money has been spent on other wards in Torbay; and
- (d) the potential damage to the economy.”

The Elected Mayor considered the recommendation of the Council at the meeting and his response is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

These were set out in the report submitted to Council on 18 October 2018 and were not considered.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

No

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

None

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23 October 2018

Signed: _____
Elected Mayor of Torbay

Date: 23 October 2018

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