



Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team)

4 June 2018

-: Present :-

Councillor Mills (Chairman)

Elected Mayor Oliver and Councillors Amil, Ellery, Excell, Haddock, Parrott and Stocks

(Also in attendance: Councillors Brooks, Bye, Darling (S), Long, Morey, O'Dwyer, Robson, Stubley, Thomas (D), Tolchard and Tyerman)

42. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Stockman and Councillor Stocks (who would be arriving late to the meeting).

43. Minutes

The Minutes of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) held on 16 April 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

44. Mental Health Update

Members discussed and noted the submitted report which provided an update on some of the issues facing Torbay in respect of mental health and set out the plans for strategic mental health improvement as part of the Five Year Forward View for Mental Health within Devon. The Plan was based around seven priority areas with five formal work areas being pursued, namely:

- Workstream Area 1: Development and implementation of an STP wide Mental Health Strategy for 2017/18 – 2021/22
- Workstream Area 2: Improving outcomes for children and young people
- Workstream Area 3: Dementia
- Workstream Area 4: Primary and Secondary Care Interface
- Workstream Area 5: Urgent and Crisis Care

In particular, Members discussed the importance of the community and voluntary sectors in supporting people with mental health and encouraged greater working with these groups. Brixham had been particularly successful in working with these groups to improve outcomes for residents. Members requested a briefing be given to all Members on 'every contact counts' and the different training being offered to help support people with mental health.

(Note: Councillor Stocks arrived during discussion of this item.)

45. Torbay Carers Strategy 2018-21

The Policy Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made the following recommendations to the Elected Mayor:

- (i) that the Torbay Carers Strategy 2018-21 and Action Plan attached at Appendix 2 to the submitted report be approved.
- (ii) that the Carers Support Re-design attached at Appendix 1 to the submitted report be noted.

The Elected Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) set out above at the meeting and the record of decision, together with further information is attached to these Minutes.

46. Children and Young People's Plan

The Policy Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made the following recommendation to the Elected Mayor:

That the Elected Mayor recommend to Council;

- (i) that the Children and Young People's Plan 2018/2023 be approved as part of the Council's Policy Framework, with delegated authority to the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Executive Lead for Children's Services and the Elected Mayor to make any final amendments in light of the outcome of the Ofsted Inspection.

The Elected Mayor considered the recommendation of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) set out above at the meeting and the record of decision, together with further information is attached to these Minutes.

47. Children's Services Improvement Plan: 2018/19 - Update on Progress

The Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) considered and noted the revised Children's Services Improvement Plan (2018/19) and supported the immediate actions being taken, identified in the submitted report, to respond to Ofsted's most recent monitoring visit.

Members noted that the Council and its partners were fully aware of where the Council was in terms of its improvements for Children's Services and that we were now in a position of 'requires improvement' based on our assessment of our performance. This position was also acceptable to Plymouth who were our new partners for Children's Services.

48. Sufficiency Statement and Action Plan

The Policy Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made the following recommendations to the Elected Mayor:

- (i) that the Children Looked After Placements: Sufficiency Statement and Action Plan 2018-2020 be approved; and
- (ii) that the Children Looked After Placements: Sufficiency Statement and Action Plan be reviewed annually by the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) and at least quarterly by the Corporate Parenting Panel and the Children's Improvement Board.

The Elected Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) set out above at the meeting and the record of decision, together with further information is attached to these Minutes.

Chairman

Record of Decision

Torbay Carers Strategy 2018-21

Decision Taker

Elected Mayor on 04 June 2018

Decision

- (i) that the Torbay Carers Strategy 2018-21 and Action Plan attached at Appendix 2 to the submitted report be approved.
- (ii) that the Carers Support Re-design attached at Appendix 1 to the submitted report be noted.

Reason for the Decision

To increase the capacity of existing services whilst ensuring that more Carers are linked to the support that they need through the delivery of the Torbay Carers Strategy 2018-2021.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 15 June 2018 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

Torbay has roughly 17,000 unpaid Carers, supporting people who are ageing, have a disability, long-term condition, mental health or substance misuse issues. Carers can be any age, but we have an increasing number who are themselves ageing, and double the national number of people providing more than 100 hours of care a week.

The refreshed Torbay Carers' Strategy 2018-21 includes a re-designed model of Carer Support to align with our model of care, and the adults 'three conversation' model of support, increasing Carers links with their community and enabling Torbay to support the increasing numbers and needs of Carers.

Extensive consultation has taken place with Carers who are in receipt of support, with over 800 Carers responding. This has enabled the priorities and action plan for the inter-agency strategy to be drafted.

The revised Policy was presented to the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) on 4 June 2018 and has been subject to formal consultation.

The Elected Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made on 4 June 2018 and his decision is set out above.

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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The Elected Mayor of Torbay

Date: 7 June 2018

Record of Decision

Children and Young People's Plan

Decision Taker

Elected Mayor on 04 June 2018

Decision

That the Council be recommended:

- (i) that the Children and Young People's Plan 2018/2023 be approved as part of the Council's Policy Framework, with delegated authority to the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Executive Lead for Children's Services and the Elected Mayor to make any final amendments in light of the outcome of the Ofsted Inspection.

Reason for the Decision

The period since the approval of the Children and Young People's Plan 2014 – 19 has been one of considerable change for Torbay Children's Services and the environment in which it is operating. These changes have necessitated a refresh of the Children and Young People's Plan now to ensure its continued relevance.

Implementation

The recommendation of the Elected Mayor will be considered at the Council meeting on 21 June 2018.

Information

A revised Children and Young People's Plan has been prepared for consideration by the Council. The revised plan seeks to integrate the Children's Plan within the Council's Policy Framework thereby ensuring a continuous, coherent approach for the commissioning, planning and delivery of services for children and young people. This Plan sits within the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The revised Policy was presented to the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) on 4 June 2018 and has been subject to formal consultation.

The Elected Mayor considered the recommendation of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made on 4 June 2018 and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I034045

Does the call-in procedure apply?

No

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None

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Record of Decision

Sufficiency Statement and Action Plan

Decision Taker

Elected Mayor on 04 June 2018

Decision

- (i) that the Children Looked After Placements: Sufficiency Statement and Action Plan 2018-2020 be approved; and
- (ii) that the Children Looked After Placements: Sufficiency Statement and Action Plan be reviewed annually by the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) and at least quarterly by the Corporate Parenting Panel and the Children's Improvement Board.

Reason for the Decision

The revised Sufficiency Statement and Action Plan have been developed in order that the Council meets its Sufficiency Duty and will be subject to regular review to ensure it is delivering its aims and objectives.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 15 June 2018 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

Historically, Torbay Council has had a higher population of children looked after than national and statistical comparators. This reflects a low-risk/high-cost strategy put in place in response to the inadequate inspection outcome in 2011 and weaknesses in our permanence planning.

During 2017, the Council revised its permanence strategy and this is beginning to evidence positive outcomes for children and young people in terms of adoption, special guardianship and foster to adopt.

Alongside this a revised Sufficiency Statement and Action Plan sets out a range of actions to ensure there is sufficient high quality accessible provision for Torbay children and young people to ensure that when a child requires to be accommodated we can identify a placement that is suitable to their needs. It should be noted that this is against a very challenging operational environment with a lack of placement capacity as a national issue rather than one unique to Torbay or the South West region.

The Elected Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made on 4 June 2018 and his decision is set out above.

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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The Elected Mayor of Torbay

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