

Record of Decisions

Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) Annual Report 2022-23

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 17 October 2023.

Decision

The Local Authority Designated Officer Annual Report 2022-23 set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved to enable the Local Authority Designated Officer Annual Report 2022-23 to be published in accordance with Council's requirements.

Reason for the Decision

Whilst there was not a statutory requirement for each Local Authority to produce and publish an Annual Report in respect of the work of the LADO, there was an expectation that one was completed to inform both the local authority and partner agencies of the number and nature of contacts over the period and to identify trends and learning from the data to inform any local action plans.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 30 October 2023 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The LADO Annual Report provided an overview of allegations referred to the LADO regarding people in a position of trust working or volunteering with children in the Torbay locality. The Annual Report summarises the statutory role of the LADO and both the national and regional context of the role, the number of consultations and referrals, a breakdown of the types of allegations and the profile of the LADO's work from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

At the meeting Councillor Bye proposed and Councillor Tyerman seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as 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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Signed: _____ Date: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet