Record of Decisions

Careers South West Changes to Legal Arrangements

Decision Taker

Mayor on Thursday, 1 May 2014

Decision

That the changes to the legal arrangements around the ownership of Careers South West (as set out in paragraph 4.6 to 4.9 of the submitted report) be approved, to enable the company to operate more commercially and autonomously on a day to day basis, whilst Cornwall, Devon County, Plymouth City and Torbay Councils continue to retain ownership and authority over the business.

Reason for the Decision

To enable the Owners to retain authority over the company, as they remain its ongoing guarantors, whilst enabling the Company to operate commercially on a day to day basis. (Note: The above decision is required by the four owners to enable the proposal to proceed.)

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on Wednesday 14 May 2014 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The submitted report sets out a proposal to change the legal arrangements for the operation of Careers South West (CSW). CSW is a company limited by guarantee and is wholly owned and controlled by four local authority corporate members: Cornwall Council; Devon County Council; Plymouth City Council and Torbay Council. CSW manages the delivery and provision of government funded services, primarily in the areas of skills and careers related information and advice and guidance services to young people aged 13 to 19.

The success of CSW has meant it can no longer work under the Teckal exemption and a review by the owner authorities is required to ensure an appropriate basis for future working.

The Mayor considered the recommendations of the Council made on 1 May 2014 and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options are set out in the submitted report.

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:

Mayor of Torbay

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