

## **Council Meeting, 10 December 2015**

### **Notice of Motion – Electoral Review of the Number of Councillors for Torbay Council**

The Council notes that the last Electoral Review for Torbay Council was carried out in 2001. Since that time there has been:

- a continuous reduction in the number of staff resulting in a reduction from 1455 full time equivalent staff in March 2010 to 890 full time equivalent staff in October 2015;
- a number of significant changes in the way the Council operates, in particular the establishment of the:
  - Integrated Care Organisation for adult social care and health and
  - proposed transfer of Children’s Services into the ICO
  - the development of the Torbay Development Agency and continuation Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust
  - commissioning of services such as the contract with TOR2; and
  - the growth of academy schools in Torbay which have left only a residual Local Education Authority function.

The change to the way the Council now operates means that there is reduced engagement for Councillors as many of the operational decisions are made outside of the Council chamber.

Therefore, this Council resolves:

that the Assistant Director of Corporate and Business Services be requested to develop a business case for submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England requesting an electoral review to reduce the number of Councillors in Torbay to come into effect from May 2019.

Proposed by Councillor S Darling  
Seconded by Councillor C Carter