Section 1: Background Information

1. What is the proposal / issue?

The Council made a decision in 2017 and agreed the following:

"that the Council makes a three year funding commitment to develop the Torbay Air Show in accordance with the proposal in Appendix 3 of the submitted report to be funded as part of the 2017/18 budget development with future years built into the Medium Term Resources Plan; "

However, based on the first years experiences it is not possible to continue to run the Airshow with this level of tapered funding. The proposal is therefore to agree that Torbay Airshow will be supported by the Council for the next five years and a commitment of up to £100,000 for year 1 (2018) and year 2, reducing to £90,000 in year 3, £85,000 in year 4 and £80,000 in year 5.

2. What is the current situation?

A funding approach was agreed by Full Council in July 2016, however, it is clear that the event is not sustainable on this basis.

There is a need to change this to encourage long-term growth of the event as a tourism and marketing opportunity.

The benefit to the local economy approximately £7million per annum.

3. What options have been considered?

We cannot run the Air Show with the original financial proposal despite substantial cost savings made this year. Also, the uncertainly around the future of the show incurs additional costs in the preparation in terms of additional procurements etc.

Make a commitment to the Air Show but with an annual review of funding. This will restrict growth and economies of scale as well as long-term buy-in from investors and sponsors. It also costs the council in terms of annual procurement processes and reduces the time available to develop the event.

Not to continue staging the airshow. This is not considered an option given the current and future benefits to the local economy from a minimal investment.

There are some potential options to considering generating income from external sources in future years such as crowdfunding etc. However, these would need to be explored further, and built into future years.

4.	How does this proposal support the ambitions, principles and delivery of the Corporate Plan 2015-19?			
	Ambitions: Prosperous and Healthy Torbay			
	Principles: Use reducing resources to best effect Reduce demand through prevention and innovation Integrated and joined up approach			
	Targeted actions: Working towards a more prosperous Torbay Ensuring Torbay remains an attractive and safe place to live and visit			
5.	Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with?			
	This is a financial commitment for five years by the Council. The impact of the decision will affect the whole of Torbay.			
	Feedback has already been received from businesses, traders and partners as part of the 2017 event and is overwhelmingly positive to continue with the event.			
6.	How will you propose to consult?			
	Not applicable			

Section 2: Implications and Impact Assessment					
7.	What are the financial and legal implications?				
	A financial commitment of up to £100,000 for year 1 and year 2, reducing to £90,000 in year 3, £85,000 in year 4 and £80,000 in year 5.				
	As part of future delivery the target for income from sponsorship and hospitality will increase from £25,000 in 2017 to £50,000 in 2020. This includes provision to draw in income from local businesses and residents.				
	Any contract with a commercial partner to stage the airshow will include annual reviews and break clauses which will offer a level of protection to the authority. This means that a five year contract can be terminated should members decide at a later date not to stage the airshow.				
8.	What are the risks?				
	 Risk of not funding the airshow. We can lose the potential to build a significant long-term, signature event for Torbay and the significant associated benefits to the local economy of circa £7million per annum. Risk of funding the airshow. The original proposals for the airshow assumed a tapering of funding for future years. Whilst there have been significant cost savings made in 2017 of £260,000, tapering cannot be guaranteed as previously anticipated. However the Council will need to consider its future commitment against other competing priorities. 3. 				
9.	Public Services Value (Social Value) Act 2012				
	Not applicable to this decision.				
10.	What evidence / data / research have you gathered in relation to this proposal?				
	The 2017 budget outturn was a loss of £6,878 which was largely due to one-off costs of £7,000. Revised projections for the next 5 years are attached as appendix 2.				
11.	What are key findings from the consultation you have carried out?				
	As previously outlined above, a number of businesses, traders and partners have overwhelmingly expressed a desire to continue with the event.				
12.	Amendments to Proposal / Mitigating Actions				
	None				

Equality Impacts

13 Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups

	Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact
Older or younger people	The event is a family event with opportunities for families and intergenerational activity across the Bay		
People with caring Responsibilities	The event is a family event with opportunities for families and intergenerational activity across the Bay. There were facilities available for disabled visitors and their carers.		
People with a disability	The event is a family event with opportunities for families and intergenerational activity across the Bay. There were facilities available for disabled visitors and their carers.		
Women or men	The event is a family event with opportunities for families and intergenerational activity across the Bay		
People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) (Please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)			No discernible impact
Religion or belief (including lack of belief)			No discernible impact
People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual			No discernible impact

	People who are transgendered			No discernible impact
	People who are in a marriage or civil partnership			No discernible impact
	Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave			No discernible impact
	Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)	The event is focused at attracting new visitors to Torbay and to have a positive impact on businesses and therefore increase the level of investment in the area. There is the potential for at least £7million of Economic benefit to be generated each year over the next 5 years		
	Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)	This is an outdoor event supported by sustainable travel options.		
14	Cumulative Impacts – Council wide (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)	N/A		
15	Cumulative Impacts – Other public services (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)	For this to be a sustainable event then it relies on the support of departments from across the Council and partners to ensure its success.		