



Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team and Joint Operations Team)

28 June 2017

-: Present :-

Councillor

Mayor Oliver and Councillors Amil, Excell, Haddock, King, Mills and Parrott

(Also in attendance: Councillors Barnby, Brooks, Darling (S), Morey, Thomas (D) and Tyerman)

1. Election of Chairman

Councillor Mills was elected as Chairman for the meeting.

Councillor Mills in the Chair.

2. Autism Self Assessment Framework 2016

The Policy Development and Decision Group considered and noted the submitted report which provided an update on progress made in implementing the Autism Self-Assessment Framework action plan, which measures how local services are performing. Members noted that since the report had been written progress has been made in 2 areas: a for workforce development lead has been appointed by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and meetings have been set up to progress training. Work on accommodation is in train with completion of the supported accommodation strategy and meetings with supported living providers to prepare for commissioning a framework of providers in September. The report included the following actions:

- Arrangements to be finalised for a joint Autism Board and Learning Disability Partnership Board;
- Establish working relationships with new officers in partner organisations; and
- Progress development of multi-agency training plan.

Resolved:

That the Director of Adult Services be requested to provide an update on the meeting with clinicians to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 6 July 2017 and to keep the Policy Development and Decision Group updated on progress made in implementing the Autism Self Assessment Framework.

3. Improving the quality of care homes provision in Torbay

Members noted a report that provided an update on the work being undertaken by Torbay Council's Joint Commissioning Team and partners to support and improve the quality of care provided to residents of care homes in Torbay.

It was noted that officers, with assistance from the Torbay Culture Board would work with residents, relatives, care home providers and staff and ICO staff and elected members to come up with a care homes charter setting out shared expectations of what good care should look like. The Policy Development and Decision Group would be kept informed on the progress of this work.

4. Accessibility Strategy

The Policy Development and Decision Group considered the Accessibility Strategy 2017-2021 as set out in the submitted report. The Strategy had been developed by the Head of Education, Learning and Skills in consultation with key partners and stakeholders. The Strategy is supplemented by model documents to enable schools to develop a site specific accessibility plan, while the strategy itself will be supported by a detailed action plan to ensure it meets the needs of disabled pupils and helps to raise their attainment.

The Policy Development and Decision Group made the following recommendations to the Mayor:

- (i) that the Accessibility Strategy 2017-2021 be approved and included in the pack given to parents when they make first contact to request an Education and Health Care Plan; and
- (ii) that the Head of Education, Learning and Skills be authorised to develop an action plan in consultation with schools, key partners and stakeholders.

The Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group set out above at the meeting and his decision, together with further information is attached to these Minutes.

5. Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)

The Policy Development and Decision Group considered the submitted report which provided the background of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP), the progress achieved during the first year of the STP, the plans for 2017/18 and the STP programme.

The Policy Development and Decision Group made the following recommendations to the Mayor:

- (i) that the Executive Lead for Adults and Children and the Director of Adult Services be authorised to maintain executive oversight and influence over the emerging Sustainability and Transformation Plan

programme on behalf of Torbay Council, with normal scrutiny processes in place; and

- (ii) that the Council commits to a model of a single, strategic commissioning voice for Devon and considers any changed staffing or accountability of management arrangements arising from any proposal. That the Council works with partners to establish Accountable Care Delivery Systems/Accountable Care Organisations and that this development is overseen by the Collaborative Board (with representation from all participating organisations in Devon).

The Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group set out above at the meeting and his decision, together with further information is attached to these Minutes.

6. Integration and Better Care Fund 2017-19

The Policy Development and Decision Group considered a report that set out the arrangements for the pooling of funds for the 2017-2019 Better Care Fund.

The Policy Development and Decision Group made the following recommendation to the Mayor:

that the approach being adopted in relation to the Better Care Fund be endorsed subject to future guidance from NHS England.

The Mayor considered the recommendation of the Policy Development and Decision Group set out above at the meeting and his decision, together with further information is attached to these Minutes.

7. Transformation Project - A Redesign of Spatial Planning

The Policy Development and Decision Group considered a report which proposed that the Council should explore and establish a suitable partnership arrangement for the delivery of Development Management and Spatial Planning functions with a nearby Local Planning Authority following a recent Development Management Service Peer Review.

The Policy Development and Decision Group made the following recommendations to the Mayor:

- (i) that the Executive Head of Business Services further explore how we could work with other Local Planning Authorities in relation to the delivery of the Development Management Service to maximise value for money and improve overall resilience of the service; and
- (ii) that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor and Executive Lead for Planning, Transport and Housing and the Executive Head of Business Services, be given delegated authority to explore and establish a suitable partnership arrangement for the delivery of Development Management and Spatial Planning functions with a

nearby Local Planning Authority, so that Torbay Council can drive forward, at pace, the necessary modernisation needed to achieve a more sustainable and resilient planning service.

The Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group set out above at the meeting and his decision, together with further information is attached to these Minutes.

8. Review of Investment Fund Strategy

The Policy Development and Decision Group considered a report which proposed a few minor changes to the Investment Fund Strategy in light of lessons learned on previous investments.

The Policy Development and Decision Group made the following recommendation to the Mayor:

that, subject to the level of the Investment Fund remaining at £50m, the Council be recommended to approve the revised Investment Fund Strategy, set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report.'

The Mayor considered the recommendation of the Policy Development and Decision Group set out above at the meeting and his decision, together with further information is attached to these Minutes.

Chairman

Record of Decision

Accessibility Strategy 2017-2021

Decision Taker

Mayor on 28 June 2017

Decision

- (i) that the Accessibility Strategy 2017-2021 be approved and included in the pack given to parents when they make first contact to request an Education and Health Care Plan; and
- (ii) that the Head of Education, Learning and Skills be authorised to develop an action plan in consultation with schools, key partners and stakeholders.

Reason for the Decision

Local authorities and schools are required to make reasonable adjustments to ensure that disabled pupils are not of a substantial disadvantage. The Accessibility Strategy sets out how the local authority, including schools and partners will:

- Increase provision and access to the curriculum;
- Improve the physical environment of schools;
- Improve the delivery and accessibility of information; and
- Monitor, review and evaluate impact.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 11 July 2017 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

In order for disabled pupils to realise their full potential as learners, it is essential that they are able to access the curriculum, the physical learning environment and information and guidance about educational opportunities in their locality.

The Accessibility Strategy has been developed by the Head of Education, Learning and Skills in consultation with key partners and stakeholders. It is supplemented by model documents to enable schools to develop site specific accessibility plans, while the Strategy itself will be supported by a detailed action plan to ensure it meets the needs of disabled pupils and helps to raise their attainment.

The Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group made on 28 June 2017 and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

No other options were considered.

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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Mayor of Torbay

Date: 3 July 2017

Record of Decision

Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)

Decision Taker

Mayor on 28 June 2017

Decision

- (i) that the Executive Lead for Adults and Children and Director of Adult Services be authorised to maintain executive oversight and influence over the emerging Sustainability and Transformation Plan programme on behalf of Torbay Council, with normal scrutiny processes in place; and
- (ii) that the Council commits to a model of a single, strategic commissioning voice for Devon and considers any changed staffing or accountability of management arrangements arising from any proposal. That the Council works with partners to establish Accountable Care Delivery Systems/Accountable Care Organisations and that this development is overseen by the Collaborative Board (with representation from all participating organisations in Devon).

Reason for the Decision

The Sustainability and Transformation Plan will help Torbay cater for an ageing population in Devon, meet the growing demands on health and care services, and help us deliver services within the budget we have available.

Implementation

The decision will come into force and may be implemented on 11 July 2017 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The first year of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) has seen the NHS and upper tier Local Authorities working collaboratively together across the whole of Devon. Working together on a single plan will ensure the long term clinical/social and financial sustainability of our services for those who live across Devon. Devon's plan is one of 44 across England. These plans address how local services will evolve and become sustainable over the next five years.

The Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group made at the meeting and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

No other options were considered.

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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Record of Decision

Integration and Better Care Fund 2017-19

Decision Taker

Mayor on 28 June 2017

Decision

That the approach being adopted in relation to the Better Care Fund be endorsed subject to future guidance from NHS England.

Reason for the Decision

The Council has an obligation to reach agreement with partners on the pooling of funds in the Better Care Fund and this is supported by the Section 75 Agreement.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 11 July 2017 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Better Care Fund is a programme spanning both the NHS and local government which seeks to join-up health and care services, so that people can manage their own health and wellbeing, and live independently in their communities for as long as possible.

The application of the funds is agreed each year between the Clinical Commissioning Group and the Council, and in Torbay with the input of the Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust.

The Mayor considered the recommendation of the Policy Development and Decision Group made on 28 June 2017 and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None, as the Better Care Fund is a national mandated initiative which local areas must implement.

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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Record of Decision

Transformation Project - Redesign of Spatial Planning

Decision Taker

Mayor on 28 June 2017

Decision

- (i) that the Executive Head of Business Services further explore how we could work with other Local Planning Authorities in relation to the delivery of the Development Management Service to maximise value for money and improve overall resilience of the service; and
- (ii) that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor and Executive Lead for Planning, Transport and Housing and the Executive Head of Business Services, be given delegated authority to explore and establish a suitable partnership arrangement for the delivery of Development Management and Spatial Planning functions with a nearby Local Planning Authority, so that Torbay Council can drive forward, at pace, the necessary modernisation needed to achieve a more sustainable and resilient planning service.

Reason for the Decision

The Transformation Project – Redesign of Spatial Planning was tasked with considering options for Spatial Planning to provide the Council with resilience. A recent Peer Review of the Council's Development Management Service made a clear recommendation that 'the Council should explore further how it could work with other Local Planning Authorities in relation to the delivery of the development management service to maximise value for money and improve overall resilience of the service'.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 11 July 2017 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

A recent Development Management Service Peer Review identified that there was an opportunity, through the better sharing of resources with like-minded Councils, to improve resilience whilst also enhancing the best elements of development management services, such as staff, quality outcomes and local accountability.

Given the ongoing budget pressures, which have resulted in resource constraints, an opportunity exists to consider a partnership arrangement for the delivery of Development Management and Spatial Planning functions with a nearby Local Planning Authority. This could enable Torbay Council to drive forward, at pace, the necessary modernisation needed to achieve a more sustainable and resilient planning service.

The Mayor considered the recommendations made by the Policy Development and Decision Group and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report but not discussed.

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I031774

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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Mayor of Torbay

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Record of Decision

Review of Investment Strategy

Decision Taker

Mayor on 28 June 2017

Decision

That, subject to the level of the Investment Fund remaining at £50m, the Council be recommended to approve the revised Investment Fund Strategy, set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report.

Reason for the Decision

To review the Investment Fund Strategy and the level of the Investment Fund.

Implementation

The recommendations of the Mayor will be considered at the Council meeting on 20 July 2017.

Information

At the meeting of Council held on 6 April 2017 Members approved a revised Investment Fund Strategy. This was to ensure that there was the greatest opportunity to maximise benefits income, diversify investments and spread risks.

The Investment Committee has further reviewed the Investment Fund Strategy and has recommended a few minor changes to the Strategy in light of lessons learned on previous investments.

The Mayor considered the recommendation of the Policy Development and Decision Group made on 28 June 2017 and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

An alternative option was proposed by the Investment Committee as follows:

That the Council be recommended to approve the revised Investment Fund Strategy, including the additional £50m for the Investment Fund (making a total of £100m) to be funded from prudential borrowing (when required), set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report.

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I029278

Does the call-in procedure apply?

No

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the

Standards Committee)

None

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