



Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

13 December 2017

-: Present :-

Councillor Lewis (C) (Chairman)

Councillors Barnby, Bye, Morey and Stocks

(Also in attendance: Councillors Ellery, Haddock and Stockman)

40. Membership and Apologies

It was reported that, since the agenda had been published, the membership of the Board had been amended and therefore Councillors Tolchard and Tyerman were no longer members of the Board. There was currently a vacancy for the Non-Political Mayor's Group and Councillor Sykes has been appointed as a Conservative Group representative.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bent, Darling (S) and Sykes.

41. Review of Priorities and Resources

The Board considered the draft report of its Review of Priorities and Resources for 2018/2019 and also heard a representation from the Acorn Centre in respect of the proposal to reduce the amount of funding for youth grants.

Resolved: that the report be updated and accepted based on the comments raised at the meeting and in particular:

- (i) that the Board add the following items to its Work Programme for the current year:
- Developing and extending the partnership working between the Council and the Citizens' Advice Bureau
 - Reviewing the outcomes of the Torbay Community Development Trust and whether the current grant provides value for money to the Council
 - Ensuring a consistent approach to how community groups can support the Council in improving the public realm and other outdoor spaces

- Facilitating a joined up approach to promoting Torbay's cultural assets in accordance with the English Riviera Destination Management Plan; and
- (ii) that it is recommended to the Elected Mayor that:
- The proposals in relation to the Citizens Advice Bureau, museums and the youth grants are not implemented;
 - A reduction in funding to the Torbay Community Development Trust of £10,000 be made rather than the £60,000 currently proposed;
 - The amount proposed to be added to the Council's reserves be reduced in order to fund the recommendations in the two bullet points above; and
 - The proposal in relation to the community swimming pools should be clarified to ensure that the proposed reserve fund will be available to meet costs arising from both unforeseen capital expenses as well as reductions in income.

Chairman
