

Agenda Item 3
Revenue Budget 2018/2019

Liberal Democrat Objection to Revenue Budget
(Constitution Reference: Budget and Policy Framework Standing Order F2.9)

Adjourned Council Meeting

8 February 2018

Proposal:

That the Council formally objects to the Elected Mayor's revenue budget proposals on the basis that:

This Council notes that Torbay Council does not fund bus subsidies in Torbay from Council tax payers. This compares to local authorities such as Plymouth and Devon County Council that on the latest figures available from the campaign for better transport, fund bus services at a rate of £384,029 and £4,780,129 respectively.

The lack of subsidy has contributed in bus services being ended or suffering reductions such as the 64, 65, 67 and 32 routes.

This Council further notes that the combination of the operation of the concessionary fares scheme along with the lack of subsidy provided by this Council, could leave some current routes across Torbay vulnerable to further reductions in service, during the next financial year.

In light of the above this Council calls upon the Elected Mayor to establish a fund for subsidising buses in Torbay of £150,000.

In accordance with the Constitution at F2.9, the Council therefore requires the Elected Mayor to consider this objection by 16 February 2018 either:

- a) submit a revision of the estimates or amounts as amended by the elected Mayor with the reasons for any amendments made to the estimates or amounts, to the Council for its consideration; or
- b) inform the Council of any disagreement that the elected Mayor has with any of the Council's objections and the elected Mayor's reasons for any such disagreement.

Proposed by Councillor Doggett

Seconded by Councillor Long