

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 at a time when:

- Child poverty has increased in Torbay to approximately 30% of children in the Bay;
- Torbay is falling behind the rest of the UK with its Gross Value Added reducing to less than 60% of the national average; and
- Torbay suffers from the highest levels of personal insolvency in England and Wales.

The Elected Mayor is proposing a £162,000 cut to the adult substance misuse service budget line over the next two years.

In light of the above this Council calls upon the Elected Mayor to passport these savings to tackling poverty in Torbay. This funding could support projects that include the funding of debt advice, support a Credit Union in Torbay, employment support for workless people or other measures to reduce poverty and improve the Bay's economic performance.

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 Darling (S)
Seconded by Councillor Stocks