

Minutes of the Council (Council decisions shown in bold text)

1 February 2018

-: Present :-

Chairwoman of the Council (Councillor Brooks) (In the Chair) Vice-Chairman of the Council (Councillor Doggett)

The Mayor of Torbay (Mayor Oliver)

Councillors Amil, Bent, Bye, Carter, Darling (M), Darling (S), Ellery, Excell, Haddock, Hill, Kingscote, Lewis (B), Lewis (C), Long, Mills, Morey, Morris, O'Dwyer, Parrott, Robson, Sanders, Stockman, Stocks, Stubley, Sykes, Thomas (D), Thomas (J), Tolchard, Tyerman and Winfield

149 Opening of meeting

A minute's silence was held in memory of Jenny Richman (Freeman of the Borough of Torbay) who had recently passed away. The meeting was then opened with a prayer.

150 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barnby, King, Manning and Pentney. Councillors Morris and Winfield arrived later during the meeting.

151 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7 December 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairwoman.

152 Declarations of interests

Councillor Hill declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of Minute 163 as he was the Council's representative on the Board of the Riviera International Conference Centre.

153 Communications

The Chairwoman welcomed Councillor Long to his first Council meeting following his successful election at the Watcombe By-Election held on 14 December 2017.

Councillor Thomas (D) provided the following report to the Council on his work as the Council's representative on the Heart of the South West Joint Committee:

- a) The first formal meeting of the Joint Committee was scheduled for March 2018; and
- b) In January 2018, the Leaders and Chief Executives from Devon, Somerset, Plymouth, Torbay and Exeter Councils and the Local Enterprise Partnership met with the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to discuss joint working to grow the region's economy and improve productivity through a devolution deal for the Heart of the South West (HotSW) Partnership. Councillor Thomas (D) reported that the meeting went well and had discussed: skills; transport infrastructure; broadband access; providing more homes where they were needed; and support for business growth. Discussions also included challenges faced by rural communities. The representatives from BEIS were impressed by the strength of the partnership and the meeting agreed:
 - BEIS to facilitate conversations with key Government Departments and champion the Heart of the South West's proposals;
 - BEIS would play a more proactive role in our devolution work and send a representative to key meetings on a regular basis; and
 - The HotSW Partnership would provide more information on its proposals including priorities and timescales.

154 Public question time

In accordance with Standing Order A24, the Council heard from Julia Neal (on behalf of Nick Slater) who had submitted a statement in relation to a proposed Charter to end conscious cruelty in Torbay. The Executive Lead for the Environment, Councillor Ellery, responded to the statement that had been put forward, plus a supplementary question asked by Ms Neal.

155 Members' questions

Members received a paper detailing questions, as set out at Appendix 1 to these Minutes, notice of which had been given in accordance with Standing Order A13. The paper also contained the answers to the questions which had been prepared by Elected Mayor Oliver and Councillors Ellery, Excell, King, Kingscote, Mills and Parrott. The Chairwoman advised that Councillor Stocks would put and Councillor Haddock would respond to question 7 in the absence of Councillors Pentney and King respectively.

Supplementary questions were put and answered by Councillors Ellery, Excell, Kingscote, Mills and Parrott, arising from their responses to the questions in respect of questions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14.

156 Notice of Motion - Marina Car Park, the Pavilion and Cary Green Development

Members considered a motion in relation to the Marina Car Park, the Pavilion and Cary Green development, Torquay, notice of which was given in accordance with Standing Order A14.

Councillor Darling (S) proposed and Councillor Darling (M) seconded the notice of motion as set out below:

this Council notes the decision of the Elected Mayor on 1 February 2012 in respect of the Development Agreement for the Marina Car Park, the Pavilion and Cary Green and that planning permission for a hotel was granted by the Development Management Committee on 27 February 2017. However to date there appears to have been no progress of the development.

Given the desperate need for economic regeneration in the Bay, this Council requests the Elected Mayor to rescind his decision of 1 February 2012 and that as a consequence he instructs the Director of Corporate Services and Operations to terminate the Development Agreement.

In accordance with Standing Order A14.3(a), the motion stood referred to the Elected Mayor.

The Elected Mayor rejected the motion and his record of decision is attached to these Minutes.

157 Notice of Motion - Stalled Developments Site Register

Members considered a motion in relation to the introduction of a register for sites whose development had been stalled for more than one year, notice of which was given in accordance with Standing Order A14.

Councillor Darling (S) proposed and Councillor Carter seconded the notice of motion as set out below:

This Council notes that a number of sites across Torbay are stalled in respect of their redevelopment and that a register of such "stalled Sites" would both act as a focus to ensure action is taken to promote activity to improve these sites and allow the local community and developers clear guidance as to what action is being taken to tackle the stalled site and what opportunity there is to engage with the redevelopment of these sites.

The register should include sites that have been stalled for more than one year and has been identified by either Councillors or community partnerships as a site of concern.

This Council instructs officers to establish a register of such sites. The initial register should include: Oldway Mansions, Crossways centre, Hollicombe site, Former B&Q Torre, Shedden Hall Hotel, The Pavilion, Torwood Street site.

A six monthly update on the register should be placed on the agenda for the Councils Overview & Scrutiny committee.

The register should be maintained on the Councils website.

In accordance with Standing Order A14.3(a), the motion stood referred to the Elected Mayor.

The Elected Mayor rejected the motion and his record of decision is attached to these Minutes.

158 Budget Monitoring 2017/2018 - Quarter Three

The Council noted the forecast position for Revenue Budget for 2017/18 based on quarter three information, as set out in the submitted report.

159 Review of Political Balance and Appointments to Committees

The Council considered a review of political balance on committees and working parties following notification that Councillors Amil, Excell, Mills and King wished to be known as ungrouped Independent members on the Council and Councillor Parrott wished to be known as a UKIP member (as set out in the submitted report).

Elected Mayor Oliver proposed and Councillor Thomas (D) seconded a motion, which was agreed (unanimously) by the Council as set out below:

- (i) that the overall political balance of the committees as set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved;
- (ii) that, in accordance with the Local Protocol for Working Parties, the overall political balance of working parties as set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report be approved; and
- (iii) that the designation of seats to the ungrouped Independent members be delegated to the Governance Support Manager, in consultation with the ungrouped Independent members. Where consensus cannot be reached and the seat is not designated to a specific Executive Lead, seats will be allocated by the drawing of lots by the Governance Support Manager.

160 Composition and Constitution of Executive and Delegation of Executive Functions

Members noted the submitted report which provided details of changes made by the Elected Mayor to his Executive.

161 Chairman/woman and Vice-Chairman/woman Select

In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders (A9.1), the Council was requested to consider selecting the Chairman/woman-Elect and Vice-Chairman/woman-Elect for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year.

Councillor Sanders proposed and Councillor Bye seconded a motion, which was agreed (unanimously) by the Council as set out below:

- (i) that Councillor Doggett be selected as Chairman (Elect) for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year; and
- (ii) that Councillor Barnby be selected as Vice-Chairwoman (Elect) for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year.

162 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Councillor Mills proposed and Councillor Tyerman seconded the motion, which was agreed by the Council (unanimously), as set out below:

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting prior to consideration of items 14 and 15 on the agenda on the grounds that exempt information (as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) is likely to be disclosed.

Prior to consideration of the items in Minutes 163 and 164 the press and public were formally excluded from the meeting.

163 Transformation Project - Update on the Riviera International Conference Centre

Members consider the submitted exempt report in respect of the Riviera International Conference Centre (RICC). A revised officer recommendation was circulated prior to the meeting.

The decision of the Council is restricted due to exempt information contained within the decision.

(Note: Councillor Morris joined the meeting during consideration of this item.)

164 Investment Committee Recommendation - Investment Opportunity

The Council considered the recommendations of the Investment Committee on an investment opportunity. Members received details of the proposals as set out in the exempt report circulated prior to the meeting.

The decision of the Council is restricted due to exempt information contained within the decision.

165 Adjournment

The Chairwoman advised that in accordance with Standing Orders F2.13 and F3.12 in relation to the Budget and Policy Framework the remaining items on the agenda were referred to an adjourned meeting of Council to be held on 8 February 2018 to enable full consideration to be given to the implications of the proposals set out in the reports and documentation circulated on 26 January 2018.

Chairwoman

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Questions Under Standing Order A13

A member may only submit three questions for consideration at each Council Meeting. Each member will present their first question in turn, when all the first questions have been dealt with the second and third questions may be asked in turn. The time for member's questions will be limited to a total of 30 minutes.

| Question (1) by Councillor Carter to the Elected Mayor and Executive Lead for Assets, Finance, Governance and Corporate Services, Economic Regeneration and Transformation (Elected Mayor Oliver) | I note that an auction of Oldway Mansion has not been excluded from the options for the consultants reviewing the future of Oldway Mansions. As Elected Mayor can you personally exclude the public auction of Oldway Mansion as an option that you could never support? |
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| Elected Mayor Oliver | Consultants have been appointed to undertake an Options Appraisal for the future use of the Oldway Mansion and its estate, which was requested by the Council's Working Party. The contract specification for the consultants work makes no reference to an auction, public or otherwise. However, the consultants brief does allow for freehold and/or leasehold disposal to be contemplated. As Elected Mayor I cannot personally exclude any option. |
| Question (2) by Councillor Darling (S) to the Chairman of the Development Management Committee (Councillor Kingscote) | I have been approach by members of the public concerned that in recent months the Development Management Committee has stopped recording meetings. Can you please assure me as the Chairman of Development Management Committee that you will instruct officers to reinstate the recording of these meetings? |
| Councillor Kingscote | I have been in discussions with Officers regarding the option to reinstate recording of these meetings following concerns raised by me. As you will be aware, the recording of Development Management Committees (DMC) was undertaken when the meetings were held at the Riviera International Conference Centre in a large room which required the need for PA equipment. Alongside this was an ability to record the meetings. The PA/recording was undertaken by a private company at a cost to the Council. Following a review it was identified that recording DMC meetings was not an efficient use of the Council's limited resources and also the meetings were relocated to Torquay Town Hall, following the Planning Peer Review to enable case officers to be readily available to attend and present their reports. If the Council wishes to reinstate recordings of Development Management Committee, members will need to make this a priority and identify the budget from other services within the Council's overall budget setting. |

| Question (3) by |
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| Councillor Long to |
| the Executive Lead |
| for Community |
| Services |
| (Councillor Excell) |
| Councillor Excell |

The Council are currently instigating 20 MPH zones outside schools, and it is hoped that once the schools have been completed that other areas will also be considered also. What progress is being made on making roads outside schools 20 mph and when is this work likely to be completed?

Councillor Excell

The project to consider and implement 20 mph speed restrictions outside of schools is continuing and progress was reported to the Transport Working Party in October 2017.

To date we have successfully implemented new arrangements at 24 school sites with a further 6 sites currently in the process of being implemented. This leaves 19 sites still to be considered, although 8 of these sites may not benefit from restrictions. It is likely therefore that there is a further 2 years work required to complete this project, subject to funding.

Question (4) by Councillor Sanders to the **Executive Lead for Environment** (Councillor Ellery)

For the last financial year, please complete the table below for the top five organisations/landlords that provide or manage emergency accommodation payments

| acci | Jiiiiiouatioi | n payments. | | | | |
|------|---------------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| | Number | Total | Total | Sum | Sum of | Average |
| | of units | Payments | incentive | of | person* | length of |
| | managed | / Housing | payments | units * | nights | tenancy |
| | | Benefits | - | nights | | (days) |
| 1 | | / | | | | |
| 2 | | / | | | | |
| 3 | | / | | | | |
| 4 | | / | | | | |
| 5 | | 1 | | | | |

Councillor Ellery

The table provides a breakdown of the main sources of accommodation provided that is utilised by Housing Options to provide emergency and temporary accommodation.

| | Number of units managed | Total Payments / Housing Benefits | Total incentive payments | Sum of units * nights | Sum of person* nights | Average length of tenancy (days) |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 13 | 78,529.15 | 0 | 3791 | 223 | 31.59 |
| 2 | 10 | 65,641.25 | 0 | 3158 | 101 | 40.49 |
| 3 | 17 | 53,899 | 0 | 1722 | 74 | 32 |
| 4 | 7 | 49,728.38 | 0 | 2344 | 104 | 41.12 |
| 5 | 3 | 48,426.37 | 0 | 515 | 16 | 24 |

Please not the following definitions have been utilised:

The sum of the unit nights = the total number of nights of accommodation provided at that facility.

The sum of person nights = the number of different households in accommodation. Please note that some individuals may move from one property to another

| Question (5) by Councillor Doggett | In the last financial year how much was paid in housing benefits? |
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| to the Executive Lead for | |
| Environment | |
| (Councillor Ellery) | |
| Councillor Ellery | 2016/17 Housing Benefit Expenditure |
| | Rent Allowance (private and social sector landlords) £64,219,725 |
| | Non-Housing Revenue Account (homeless temporary £464,833 accommodation) |
| | Total Payments £64,684,558 |
| | Expenditure The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) fully funds Housing Benefit expenditure, through Housing Benefit subsidy payments. |
| | The Social Security Administration Act 1992 (sections 140A-140G) provides the legal framework for the payment of subsidies to authorities. |
| Question (6) by Councillor Darling (M) to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell | In last year's budget the Mayor recommended and it was agreed to end the post of a road safety officer on Torbay Council. In light of the recent fatality on Belgrave Road. Do you agree with me that the ending of this post was an error of judgement? |
| Councillor Excell | It would not be appropriate to comment on the recent collision at Belgrave Road, until such times as we are fully aware of the facts. We continue to carry out analysis of road traffic collisions and report these results on an annual basis within our 'Casualty Reduction Report' and this, along with our annual site reviews, identifies the priority areas for road safety interventions, rather than specific incidents. |
| Question (7) by Councillor Pentney to the Executive Lead for IT, Libraries and Waste (Councillor King) | I understand that in light of mounting concerns about fly tipping a Government minister has signalled to Councils to stop their waste and recycling centres charging for DIY domestic waste. What talks have taken place with TOR2 to review the current Council charges? |
| Councillor King | Torbay do not charge for any Household waste at the Recycling centre currently, but are the only authority in Devon who do not. |
| | The Litter Strategy published by Government on 10/4/17 states that a review of the HWRC guidance will be undertaken by WRAP and the outcome will be published at the end of 2017. This review has still not taken place so authorities that do make charges in most cases are still doing so. |
| | Devon found that the Fly Tipping rates did not noticeably increase following the introduction of charging, and Torbay Council has discussed the feasibility with TOR2 about making such charges, but held off taking it any further, whilst awaiting the guidance mentioned above. TOR2 cannot introduce this charge themselves it would need to be a council decision. |

Second Round

| Second Round | | | | | | |
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| Question (8) by Councillor Darling (S) to the | 10 Ja for To | I note that at the Policy Development Decision Group meeting held on 10 January 2018 that you stated that the Planning Enforcement Officer for Torbay had a work load of over 400 cases. Can you please let me | | | | |
| Executive Lead for | | know how many of these cases have been progressed in their | | | | |
| Planning | mana | management since the 1 January 2018? | | | | |
| (Councillor Mills) | | | | | | |
| Councillor Mills | | o staff illness, 24 ca | | | | |
| Question (9) by | | The Council has a £65,000 pound capital sum for road safety and also | | | | |
| Councillor Long to | | the creation of 20mph zones. Please could you outline how this sum is | | | | |
| the Executive Lead | being utilised? | | | | | |
| for Community | | | | | | |
| Services | | | | | | |
| (Councillor Excell) Councillor Excell | The | amital arms has ret | 4 | | h a | |
| Councilior Excell | will be | apital sum has yet e providing informa utive Lead will cons | tion to identify prior | | | |
| Question (10) by Councillor Sanders to the Executive Lead for | ten o | ne last financial ye rganisations/land I accommodation | lords that provide | | | |
| Environment (Councillor Ellery) | | Number of units managed /number of buildings | Total Housing Benefits Income | Total 'incentive' income | Average length of tenancy [weeks] for Housing | |
| | | | | | Benefit tenants | |
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| | 9 | | | | | |
| | 10 | | | | | |
| Councillor Ellery | | Number of units managed /number of buildings | Total Housing Benefits Income | Total 'incentive' income | Average length of tenancy [weeks] for Housing Benefit tenants | |
| | 1 | 2,130 | £8,899,113.68 | 0 | 49 wks 6 days | |
| | 2 | 938 | £3,755,677.34 | 0 | 49 wks 6 days | |
| | 3 | 281 | £1,307,119.42 | 0 | 46 wks 3 days | |
| | 4 | 244 | £1,007,906.90 | 0 | 36 wks 4 days | |
| | 5 | 136 | £276,835.34 | 0 | 14 wks 5 days | |
| | 6 | 128 | £558,168.43 | 0 | 49 wks 1 days | |
| | 7 | 124 | £507,861.19 | 0 | 45 wks 2 days | |
| | 8 | 112 | £563,131.25 | 0 | 46 wks 6 days | |
| | 9 | 107 | £359,253.53 | 0 | 29 wks 2 days | |
| | 10 | 93 | £457,741.25 | 0 | 50 wks 0 days | |
| | Calcul | er of Units ated by counting the rd or rental agency. | number of units who | ere Housing Bene | fit is payment to the | |

| It does not include unoccupied addresses (no HB in payment) or where Housing Benefit is paid to the tenant. |
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| Total Housing Benefit Income This is the total amount of Housing Benefit paid to the landlord or rental agency. |
| *For reference an alternative "top ten" is shown on the following page, ranked by Housing Benefit income. |
| Total "incentive" income No incentive payments are made, so this does not apply. |
| Average Length of Tenancy Calculated by counting the number of days where Housing Benefit is awarded during 2016/17 financial year for each claim. Then, for each landlord or rental agency listed, adding the total number of days and dividing by the number of claims. |
| It does not include periods where Housing Benefit is not awarded. In the last financial year how much was paid in 'incentive' payments for landlords to accommodate the most vulnerable? |
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| The local authority does not pay incentive payments to landlords to accommodate routine vulnerable clients. However, financial assistance with rent in advance to secure accommodation is available to tenants suffering hardship through Discretionary Housing Payments and the Crisis Support Fund. The Council operates a non-cash Deposit Bond Scheme for accommodation deposits. |
| Discretionary Housing Payments can also provide assistance with rent arrears and ongoing rent shortfalls. Neither are incentives to landlords-they must be claimed by the tenant. Both offer the tenant the opportunity to sustain a tenancy which may otherwise be lost. |
| I understand that the department for Education has rejected the site to the SW of Paignton that the Council had proposed at the Full Council in August 2017 to tackle the shortage of school places in Torbay. Can you confirm what steps the Council is now taking to plug the gap in primary school places and whether the former Tower House site will be considered alongside other sites? |
| Thank you Councillor Carter for your question. |
| The Council is continuing to work closely with the Department for Education and Schools Funding Agency in identifying a suitable site for a single form entry Primary School for Paignton. This includes the potential use of the former Tower House site which the Department for Education have now indicated a willingness to progress. In the interim, the Schools Admissions Team will continue to work with schools in Paignton and across Torbay to ensure that pupils requiring a school place are accommodated as quickly as possible and, so far as practicable, at a school of their choice. I would like to take the opportunity to thank our Headteachers, Principals and Governors for the positive and flexible manner in which they are responding to these requests. |
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Third Round

| Question (13) by | During winter months a number of grass verges across Torbay are |
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| Councillor Darling (S) to the Executive Lead for Community Services (Councillor Excell) | turned into unsightly mud baths. Can you advise what consideration has Torbay Council given to using community protection notices or Anti-Social Behaviour Orders to tackle this problem? |
| Councillor Excell | Each case would be assessed on its own merits, which would determine what course of action would be necessary under the specific circumstances. The Council could consider use of powers under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which references Criminal Behaviour Orders, Community Protection Notices and Injunctions. Each of these may be a consideration but with own strengths and limitations. The Community Protection Notice may be the most appropriate tool under this legislation for such circumstances but only where behaviour is persistent and detrimental to the quality of life of those in the locality. Criminal Behaviour Orders require an application on the back of a prosecution of an offence so is not immediately available as an option, an injunction can be sought through the county court so long as the behaviour can be demonstrably shown to have caused harassment, alarm or distress to another person. Driving a vehicle on a footway is in itself an offence which may be a more specific way to target such offending behaviour before considering anti-social behaviour legislation as is geared specifically to misuse of vehicles. It may also be appropriate for the Council to consider whether physical barriers could 'design out' the problem. |
| Question (14) by Councillor Sanders to the Executive Lead for Adults and Children (Councillor Parrott) | What impact, if any, has the loss of beds at Paignton Hospital had on Adult Social care in Torbay? |
| Councillor Parrott | |
| | The council and the ICO and CCG have a strategy which supports people in their own home. The reduction of beds at Paignton is part of a programme of changes which sustains a model of care over the long term. Adults social care has the benefit of integration with the NHS and as judged by the DTOC figures the local system of supporting people to prevent the need for hospital admission and to support people after admission at home is still working well. |

| | importance is that our care Model is setting us on course for a sustainable future where services are more personalised, integrated around each of us and focused on what matters most. |
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| Question (15) by | In the last financial year how much was paid in 'emergency' |
| Councillor Doggett | accommodation? |
| to the Executive | |
| Lead for | |
| Environment | |
| (Councillor Ellery) | |
| Councillor Ellery | The total cost of temporary accommodation was £667,741. The net cost after |
| | receiving housing benefit payments was £283528. |



Record of Decisions

Notice of Motion - Marina Car Park, the Pavilion and Cary Green Development

Decision Taker

Elected Mayor on 01 February 2018

Decision

That the motion be rejected for the reasons given below.

Reason for the Decision

The Elected Mayor is supportive of investment in the Bay and to accept the motion would not give the right message of encouraging development and investment. The Elected Mayor has invited the developer to meet with him to discuss the situation.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 14 February 2018 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

At the Council meeting held on 1 February 2018, the Elected Mayor considered a motion in relation to the lack of progress of the development agreement for the Marina Car Park, the Pavilion and Cary Green, Torquay, notice of which was given in accordance with Standing Order A14 by Councillors Darling (S) and Darling (M) as set out below:

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In accordance with Standing Order A14.3(a), the motion stood referred to the Elected Mayor.

The Elected Mayor responded to the motion at the meeting and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

Is this a Key Decision?

| No – Refe | rence Number: 1036903 | |
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| Does the | call-in procedure apply? | |
| Yes | | |
| | ons of interest (including details of any relevar Committee) | nt dispensations issued by the |
| None | | |
| Published | I | |
| 6 February | 2018 | |
| Signed: | The Elected Mayor of Torbay | Date: 6 February 2018 |

Record of Decisions

Notice of Motion - Stalled Developments Register

Decision Taker

Elected Mayor on 1 February 2018

Decision

That the motion be rejected for the reasons given below.

Reason for the Decision

The Elected Mayor does not accept the principle of holding a stalled developments register as it does not support the progression of development and regeneration. The Elected Mayor also considers maintaining a stalled developments register is not good use of officer resource and a six monthly update is too long as some of the sites need to be progressed sooner.

Implementation

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Information

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| Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision |
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| None |
| 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 |
| Published |
| 6 February 2018 |
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| Signed: Date: 6 February 2018 The Elected Mayor of Torbay |