



Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

21 February 2018

-: Present :-

Councillor Lewis (C) (Chairman)

Councillors Bent, Darling (S), Lewis (B), Morey, Robson, Stocks and Sykes

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

48. Apologies

It was reported that, in accordance with the wishes of the Conservative Group, the membership of the Board had been amended to include Councillors Lewis (B) and Robson in place of Councillors Barnby and Bye respectively.

It was also reported that the Elected Mayor and Councillor Mills had given their apologies.

49. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Resolved: that Councillor Darling (S) be appointed Vice-chairman of the Board for the remaining Municipal Year.

50. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 24 January 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

51. Urgent Items

The Board considered the items in Minutes 52 and 53, and not included on the agenda, the Chairman being of the opinion that it was urgent by reason of special circumstances i.e. the matter having arisen since the agenda was prepared and it was unreasonable to delay a decision until the next meeting.

52. Torbay Council Planning Service

The Executive Head – Assets and Business Services answered the Board's questions in relation recent notifications including that pre-application services were not currently available except for major applications and the changes in the publicity for non-contentious householder planning applications.

It was explained how the current issues within the planning service were being addressed both through recruitment and continued discussions with Plymouth City Council.

53. Neighbourhood Policing

The Vice-chairman requested that the Board invite Devon and Cornwall Police to a future meeting of the Board to provide an update on neighbourhood policing in Torbay (including the future number of Police Community Support Officers).

Resolved: that a half day inquiry session be arranged in early April to hear from the Police and community representatives.

54. Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy

The Board considered the draft Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy which it was proposed would form part of the Council's Policy Framework.

Members of the Board raised a number of questions and requested that the final draft of the Strategy be reviewed by the Adult Services and Public Health Monitoring Working Party ahead of it being considered by the Council.

55. Exclusion of press and public

Prior to consideration of the item in Minute 56 the press and public were formally excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the item involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended.)

56. Town Centre Regeneration Programme

The Board received an update on the Town Centre Regeneration Programme.

Chairman
