

Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team)

5 November 2018

-: Present :-

Councillor Haddock (Chairman)

Elected Mayor Oliver and Councillors Amil, Ellery, Excell, Mills, Parrott, Stockman and Stocks

(Also in attendance: Councillors Bye, Morey, O'Dwyer and Thomas (D))

40. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) held on 3 September 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

41. Local List for Validating Planning Applications

This item was deferred to the meeting of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) on 26 November 2018.

42. Torbay Air Show Update

Tim Godfrey, Ex-Chairman of the Torbay Business Forum, current Chairman of English Riviera Business Improvement District (ERBID) and representative of Bishop Fleming attended the meeting and spoke in support of the Torbay Air Show and the benefits of this and other events to local business.

The Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) made the following recommendation to the Elected Mayor:

That the Elected Mayor be recommended to support the Torbay Air Show for 2019 through sponsorship, increasing income opportunities and reviewing the overall costs to ensure that the Air Show is delivered without any direct funding from the Council (unanimous).

The Elected Mayor considered the recommendation of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) set out above at the meeting and the record of decision, together with further information is attached to these Minutes.

43. Grinagog Festival 2019

The Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) made the following recommendations to the Elected Mayor:

- that the Elected Mayor be recommended to support Grinagog Festival 2019 and for the event to go ahead with the event being funded from proceeds raised from ticket income, sponsorship, and other income so that the event is delivered without any direct funding from the Council; and
- (ii) that new opportunities are explored to deliver a long-term sustainable version of Grinagog Festival from 2020 without any direct financial support from the Council (unanimous).

The Elected Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) set out above at the meeting and the record of decision, together with further information is attached to these Minutes.

Chairman

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Record of Decision

Torbay Air Show Update

Decision Taker

Elected Mayor on 05 November 2018

Decision

That the Torbay Air Show for 2019 be supported through sponsorship, increasing income opportunities and reviewing the overall costs to ensure that the Air Show is delivered without any direct funding from the Council.

Reason for the Decision

To reduce the financial commitment of the Council for running the Torbay Air Show for 2019.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 16 November 2018 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

On 3 September 2018, the Elected Mayor agreed:

"that the Executive Head of Assets and Business Services be requested to engage with the business, community and voluntary sector with a view to securing £90,000 funding/sponsorship to fund the Torbay Air Show for 2019 and report back to the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) on 1 October 2018 to enable the Elected Mayor to determine if the Council can proceed with the Air Show for 2019."

The Air Show Working Party met on 31 October to review the current situation regarding funding and the future of the Air Show and supported the approach set out in the submitted report to proceed with the Air Show for 2019 without the need for funding support from the Council's revenue budget.

At the meeting of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) Tim Godfrey, Ex-Chairman of the Torbay Business Forum, current Chairman of English Riviera Business Improvement District (ERBID) and representative of Bishop Fleming made representations in support of the Torbay Air Show and the benefits of this and other events to local business.

The Elected Mayor considered the recommendation of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) at the meeting on 5 November 2018 and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report but were not considered.

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

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Signed:

The Elected Mayor of Torbay

Date: 8 November 2018

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Record of Decision

Grinagog Festival 2019

Decision Taker

Elected Mayor on 05 November 2018

Decision

- (i) that the Grinagog Festival 2019 be supported and go ahead with the event being funded from proceeds raised from ticket income, sponsorship, and other income so that the event is delivered without any direct funding from the Council; and
- (ii) that new opportunities be explored to deliver a long-term sustainable version of Grinagog Festival from 2020 without any direct financial support from the Council.

Reason for the Decision

The proposals contained within the submitted report were intended to reduce the financial commitment of the Council for the running of Grinagog Festival by scaling back the offer in 2019 to a much smaller event on Torre Abbey site, mainly centred around the Spanish Barn, whereby the income from ticket sales, sponsorship and stallholders easily outstrips the expenditure on infrastructure and acts.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 16 November 2018 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The submitted report provided an update about Grinagog Festival and recommended that the Council should proceed with a scaled back version of the festival in 2019, at zero cost to the Council. Options should be explored for a long-term self-sustaining model from 2020.

Grinagog Festival presents a unique cultural offer for Torbay and is a key element of the Cultural Strategy for the area. The event provides a strong eclectic music event for residents and for tourists visiting the area, and is a clear example of the new breed of good quality contemporary cultural events and activities for local people and visitors to engage with that are being developed across Torbay.

The Elected Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) at the meeting on 5 November 2018 and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report.

Is this a Key Decision?

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Does the call-in procedure apply?

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