

Agenda Item 3
Revenue Budget 2019/2020

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

Adjourned Council Meeting

7 February 2019

Proposal:

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

There are serious issues facing our communities in Torbay; the levels of poverty in Torbay continue to increase significantly, Torbay has the second highest number of children who are looked after in the country (per head of population), our Children's Services is set to incur a £4 million overspend in the current year which has resulted in a spending freeze on other services across Torbay, so that our built environment and public open space has become even more tired and neglected. Furthermore, the Elected Mayor has failed to identify a clear strategy to stabilise the overspend of Children's Services.

The service particularly needs additional wrap around support for foster carers and an improved strategy for the retention and recruitment of social workers. Therefore, Council object to the Elected Mayor's budget on the basis that it should identify funding of a minimum £150,000 to support working on these specific areas.

In accordance with the Constitution at F2.9, the Council therefore requires the elected Mayor to consider this objection by 14 February 2019 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 Pentney

Seconded by Councillor Darling (S)