

# Minutes of the Executive

12th October 2004

-: Present :-

Councillor Jennings (Chairman)

Councillors Charlwood, Lomas, McHugh and Stringer

(Also in attendance: Councillors Burridge, Faulkner (Mr A), Hytche, Killick, Stocks and Turnbull)

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**272. Apologies.** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Harris and James.

**273. Minutes.** The Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 14th and 23rd September 2004 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Leader of the Council.

**274. Matters for Consideration.** The Executive considered the following matters, full details of which (including the decisions of the Executive) are set out in the Record of Decisions in Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

**274.1** Crime and Disorder Review.

(Note: Councillor Charlwood took the Chair for this item).

**274.2** Medium Term Financial Plan.

**274.3** Beaches Strategy.

**274.4** Cultural Strategy.

**274.5** Guarantor of Loan – Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust.

**274.6** Office Accommodation.

(Note: Prior to consideration of the items in Minutes 274.5 and 274.6, the press and public were formally excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the items involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.)

Leader of the Council

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## **APPENDIX 1**

**to the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive  
held on 12th October 2004**

### **RECORD OF DECISION**

#### **CRIME AND DISORDER REVIEW**

##### **Decision Taker**

The Executive at its meeting held on 12th October 2004.

##### **Decision**

- (i) That the duty of the Council to have regard to the likely effect of all decisions on the levels of crime and disorder in the area be communicated to all Councillors and officers;
- (ii) that the work of Safer Communities Torbay (including all partner agencies) be publicised to the wider community in order that the fear of crime within Torbay can continue to be addressed;
- (iii) that consideration be given, in consultation with partner organisations, to establishing a single local "hotline" number for reporting of anti-social behaviour;
- (iv) that British Telecom be asked to consult Torbay Council and its partners when it considers removing public telephones from anti-social behaviour "hotspots" to ensure that members of the public are able to contact the necessary authorities to report anti-social behaviour;
- (v) that all Councillors be encouraged to build relationships with the Neighbourhood Beat Manager for their Ward;
- (vi) that Ward Partnerships should be supported as the mechanism for involving the communities of Torbay in meeting the priorities of the Community Plan;
- (vii) that all stakeholder organisations be invited, and young people be encouraged, to become involved in the Ward Partnerships throughout Torbay and that appropriate publicity be given to the Ward Partnerships;
- (viii) that the Castle Circus Problem Solving Exercise be recognised as good practice and be rolled out across Torbay with the Ward Partnerships as the focus for local problem solving initiatives;
- (ix) that, given the priority placed on community safety in the Community Plan, due consideration be given during the forthcoming budget setting process to the continuation and expansion of the street warden scheme;
- (x) that, in addition to (ix) above, funding for the street warden scheme continue to be sought from other external sources, and organisations within Torbay, and that consideration be given to the need for wardens within the town centres when the decriminalised parking scheme is introduced; and
- (xi) that the Panel reconvene to consider the report on the future options for the operation of the CCTV system in Torbay and to make recommendations to the Executive and/or the Council.

## **APPENDIX 1 (continued)**

### **Reason for Decision**

To respond to the recommendations of the Crime and Disorder Panel.

### **Information**

The Executive received Report OSB/14/04 in respect of the review that had been undertaken on the implementation of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The Panel had also considered how different agencies had responded to the need to reduce levels of crime and disorder within Torbay.

In carrying out its review, the Panel had gathered information from a wide range of agencies and visited a number of community safety initiatives. It was clear from the information obtained that Torbay was a safe place to work and visit, although the fear of crime did not always reflect that view.

It was noted that there were a number of projects – both high and low profile – throughout the bay that aimed to reduce the fear of crime and disorder. Safer Communities Torbay and Torbay Police were to be commended for the amount and quality of work that was undertaken to meet these aims.

In considering the report, Members expressed the view that the suggested “round-table” discussion on the issues that led to anti-social behaviour at Torquay Harbourside should be held as soon as possible.

### **Alternative options considered and rejected at the time of the decision**

None

### **Is this a Key Decision?** (Give reference number if applicable)

No

### **Does the call-in procedure apply?** (If no, please give reason)

Yes

### **Declarations of interest** (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

At the time of the review, Councillor Jennings chaired the Panel meetings and held the position of Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator. He considered that he had a potential conflict of interest and that it would not be appropriate for him to take part in the discussion of the item. He withdrew from the meeting.

### **Published**

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### **Implementation**

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 25th October 2004 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

## **APPENDIX 1 (continued)**

### **RECORD OF DECISION**

#### **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**

##### **Decision Taker**

The Executive at its meeting held on 12th October 2004.

##### **Decision**

**That the latest financial projections for the Council for the 2005-2006 and later years be noted.**

##### **Reason for Decision**

To facilitate the budget setting process.

##### **Information**

Report F/62/04 set out an updated version of the Medium Term Financial Plan. The latest Plan identified the changes that had taken place since the last plan together with the associated implications. The revised plan also referred to the action taken by the Council over the last six months. A further version of the plan would be published at the end of the 2005/2006 budget round.

##### **Alternative options considered and rejected at the time of the decision**

None

##### **Is this a Key Decision?** (Give reference number if applicable)

No

##### **Does the call-in procedure apply?** (If no, please give reason)

Yes

##### **Declarations of interest** (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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## **APPENDIX 1 (continued)**

### **RECORD OF DECISION**

#### **BEACHES STRATEGY**

##### **Decision Taker**

The Executive at its meeting held on 12th October 2004.

##### **Decision**

**That subject to the inclusion of (a) explanatory text on the scope of the Strategy and (b) an action plan, the draft Beaches Strategy be approved for the purposes for public consultation.**

##### **Reason for Decision**

To enable stakeholders and the general public to view and comment on the draft strategy.

##### **Information**

In the light of the requirement of the Cultural Services Business Plan, the proposed new seaside Award Criteria and the adoption of the Environmental Campaign's (formerly "Tidy Britain Group") Beach Management programme, it was necessary for the Council to adopt a Beach Strategy. Report LCS/29/04 set out a suggested strategy for the purposes of public consultation.

##### **Alternative options considered and rejected at the time of the decision**

To deliver services without a long-term Beaches Strategy.

##### **Is this a Key Decision?** (Give reference number if applicable)

No

##### **Does the call-in procedure apply?** (If no, please give reason)

Yes

##### **Declarations of interest** (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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## **APPENDIX 1 (continued)**

### **RECORD OF DECISION**

### **CULTURAL STRATEGY**

#### **Decision Taker**

The Executive at its meeting held on 12th October 2004.

#### **Decision**

- (i) That Council be recommended to:
  - (a) add the Cultural Strategy (Chill Out) to the Council's Policy Framework; and
  - (b) to adopt Chill Out as set out in Appendix 1 to Report LCS/30/04, as Torbay's Cultural Strategy;
- (ii) that the Cultural Partnership be given a one-off development grant of £5,000 from the 2004/2005 budget to assist in taking forward the actions identified in the Cultural Strategy.

#### **Reason for Decision**

To enhance the opportunities for cultural development within the community.

#### **Information**

In early 2003 the Council commissioned Kinghurst Consulting to develop a Cultural Strategy. This was developed to address the recommendations contained in the Comprehensive Performance Assessment Report.

Report LCS/30/04 set out the Cultural Strategy together with details of the extensive consultation process that had been undertaken. Members were asked to support the Strategy and to consider offering the Cultural Partnership a grant of £5,000 to assist them in taking forward the recommendations in the Strategy.

#### **Alternative options considered and rejected at the time of the decision**

Not to recommend the adoption of the Cultural Strategy.

Not to allocate funding to the Cultural Partnership.

#### **Is this a Key Decision?** (Give reference number if applicable)

Yes – Reference Number X34/2004

#### **Does the call-in procedure apply?** (If no, please give reason)

The call-in procedure does not apply to the recommendations to Council. It does, however, apply to the decision of the Executive.

#### **Declarations of interest** (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

## **APPENDIX 1 (continued)**

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### **Implementation**

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## **APPENDIX 1 (continued)**

### **RECORD OF DECISION**

#### **TORBAY COAST AND COUNTRYSIDE TRUST**

##### **Decision Taker**

The Executive at its meeting held on 12th October 2004.

##### **Decision**

- (i) To approve, in principle, that the Council act as guarantor for a bank loan that Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust intend to arrange to support the development of the Occombe Farm Project; and
- (ii) that the Director of Finance be authorised, in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance, to complete the formal arrangements for the loan guarantee at the appropriate time.

##### **Reason for Decision**

To enable the Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust to develop the Occombe Farm Project.

##### **Information**

Report F/64/04 requested that consideration be given to a proposal to support Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust's Occombe Farm Project by acting as a guarantor for a loan.

##### **Alternative options considered and rejected at the time of the decision**

As set out in Report F/64/04

##### **Is this a Key Decision?** (Give reference number if applicable)

No

##### **Does the call-in procedure apply?** (If no, please give reason)

Yes

##### **Declarations of interest** (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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##### **Implementation**

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**APPENDIX 1 (continued)**  
**RECORD OF DECISION**  
**OFFICE ACCOMMODATION**

**Decision Taker**

The Executive at its meeting held on 12th October 2004.

**Decision**

**That the Assistant Managing Director (Law and Support), in consultation with the Director of Finance, be authorised to agree terms and complete a lease for offices at Bookham Technology, Brixham Road, Paignton for a term of 5 years.**

**Reason for Decision**

To meet immediate accommodation needs.

**Information**

Report MD/20/04 set out a proposal to acquire office accommodation at Bookham Technology, Brixham Road, Paignton to meet the needs of the Decriminalised Parking Team.

**Alternative options considered and rejected at the time of the decision**

Not to pursue the proposal.

**Is this a Key Decision?** (Give reference number if applicable)

No

**Does the call-in procedure apply?** (If no, please give reason)

Yes

**Declarations of interest** (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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**Implementation**

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