

Record of Decisions

Youth Offer and Torbay Youth Trust (Youth Work and Young Carers Services)

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 14 June 2022.

Decision

1. That authority be delegated to the Director Children's Services to commission an independent review and future option appraisal, including an appraisal of a collaborative approach with key partners, of Torbay's youth offer and young carers service, and
2. That an extension to the existing contract with Torbay Youth Trust on a 6 month + 6 month basis be approved.

Reason for the Decision

The Council has a statutory duty under section 507B of the Education Act 1996 (by virtue of section 6 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006) to secure, as far as is reasonably practicable, positive educational and recreational leisure time activities for young people aged 13 to 19, and to those with SEND up to the age of 25, in its area that is sufficient to meet local needs and improve well-being and personal and social development.

The Council also has a statutory duty to undertake young carers needs assessment. A young carer is someone aged 18 and under who cares for a friend or family member who, due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction, cannot cope without their support.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 27 June 2022, unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The contract with Torbay Youth Trust for the targeted youth and young carers services is due to expire on 31 January 2023. It was recognised that these services needed to align with the Council and wider stake holding partners offer to our children and young people, including a Torbay wide youth offer and also young carers. Therefore, a review and options appraisal would be undertaken and informed by the voice of children and young people.

At the meeting Councillor Law proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Several options were set out in the submitted report.

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: _____ Date: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet