

Record of Decisions

Establishment of Cabinet Working Parties and Council Local Plan Working Party

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 20 August 2024

Decision

1. That the following Cabinet Working Parties be established:

- **Cabinet Capital Projects Working Party**

Terms of Reference: To receive detailed briefings on capital projects, to ensure Members have up to date information on key capital projects and be aware of upcoming project milestones and future Council decisions related to the overall Programme and to allow officers to seek Members views (individual and collective) on certain project elements where options are available.

Membership: 3 Conservatives (to include the Cabinet Member for Finance (who will Chair the meetings)), 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Independent.

- **Cabinet Oldway Working Party**

Terms of Reference: To review proposals for use of buildings and grounds and oversee delivery of works from allocated monies.

To ascertain community views in respect of these matters with relevant members from the local community and representatives from the business, public and voluntary sectors are to be invited to meetings when needed.

Membership: 3 Conservatives (to include the Cabinet Member for Place Development and Economic Growth, (who will Chair the meetings)), 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Independent.

- **Cabinet Road Network and Travel Working Party**

Terms of Reference: To consider current and emerging road network and travel matters (encompassing all forms of transportation around the Bay and parking) and make recommendations to the appropriate decision maker.

Membership: 3 Conservative (to include the Cabinet Member for Pride in Place, Transport and Parking, (who will Chair the meetings)), 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Independent.

2. That Cabinet recommends to Council:

That the Local Plan Working Party be established with the following Terms of Reference and Membership:

Terms of Reference: To assist Officers with the preparation of the revised draft Local Plan including the content, timing and scope of key consultation and submission documents in

accordance with the timetable as set by the Local Development Scheme (or similar document required by subsequent legislation); to make appropriate recommendations to Cabinet and Council; and to respond to issues that may arise during examination.

Membership: 3 Conservatives (to include the Cabinet Member for Place Development and Economic Growth (who will Chair the meetings)), 2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Independent.

This Working Party will be disbanded once it has completed its review of the revised Local Plan documents.

Reason for the Decision

The Working Parties will ensure that all political groups on the Council are represented and will also guide Officers in ensuring that there is good engagement with relevant interested parties and external representatives to ensure that the Council is:

- Putting our residents at the heart of everything we do;
- Making evidence based decisions;
- Making the most out of Council owned assets; and
- Working together.

Implementation

The decision in respect of 1. will come into force and may be implemented on 3 September 2024 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

The decision in respect of 2. will be considered at the Council meeting on 12 September 2024.

Information

The Council, its committees, the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet, Cabinet Committees and the Chief Executive may establish a working party or amend the terms of reference or membership of existing working parties. In establishing working parties, the appointing body or person will determine the precise terms of reference of the working party (having regard to the terms of reference of any other working parties), initial membership and (if appropriate) duration of the working party.

The Cabinet had identified the need to appoint three Cabinet Working Parties whose purpose will be to act as a consultee for the development of operational policies and working practices relating to their specific areas in accordance with their agreed Terms of Reference and make recommendations to the Cabinet/appropriate decision-maker. The Cabinet also made recommendations to establish a Council appointed Working Party to oversee the development of the draft Local Plan and made recommendations in that regard.

At the meeting, Councillor David Thomas proposed and Councillor Chris Lewis 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

The alternative option would be to not appoint the Working Parties, this option was not recommended as it would lose the opportunity for wider engagement with cross party Councillors.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes to the decision in 1. above.

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

None

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Signed:

Deputy Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet

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