

Record of Decisions

Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) Annual Report 2023 - 2024

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 20 August 2024

Decision

That the Cabinet endorses the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) Annual Report 2023-24 set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report to be published in accordance with Council's requirements.

Reason for the Decision

Whilst there was not a statutory requirement for each Local Authority to produce and publish an Annual Report in respect of the work of the LADO, there was an expectation that one was completed to inform both the local authority and partner agencies of the number and nature of contacts over the period and to identify trends and learning from the data to inform any local action plans.

Implementation

This decision 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).

Information

The LADO Annual Report provides an overview of allegations referred to the LADO regarding people in a position of trust working or volunteering with children in the Torbay locality.

It summarises the statutory role of the LADO and both the national and regional context of the role, the number of consultations and referrals, a breakdown of the types of allegations and the profile of the LADO's work from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

At the meeting Councillor Bye proposed and Councillor Jackie Thomas 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

None

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

Date: 23 August 2024