

Record of Decisions

Independent Reviewing Service (IRO) Annual Report 2023 - 2024

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 20 August 2024

Decision

That the Independent Reviewing Service (IRO) Annual Report set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report and the publication of this in accordance with the legislative requirements outlined in the report be endorsed.

Reason for the Decision

To ensure that the Council upholds its responsibility as Corporate Parents and complies with legislation.

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 IRO Annual Report sets out an overview of the activity of the Independent Reviewing Officer Service, the staffing structure, developments within the service and the key improvement objectives for the service moving forward.

The Annual Report evaluates the effectiveness and impact of the Independent Reviewing Service; Independent Reviewing Officers play a key role in ensuring that care plans for children were progressed with a central focus on their needs, their ascertainable wishes and feelings and what intervention and support was required to help children achieve their goals.

At the meeting, Councillor Bye proposed and Councillor Billings 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

There were no alternative options considered.

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