

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

A meeting of **Overview and Scrutiny Board** will be held on

Wednesday, 11 December 2019

commencing at **5.30 pm**

The meeting will be held in the Meadfoot Room, Town Hall, Castle Circus,
Torquay, TQ1 3DR

Members of the Board

Councillor Howgate (Chairman)

Councillor Brown

Councillor Bye

Councillor Mandy Darling

Councillor Doggett

Councillor Foster

Councillor Kennedy (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Loxton

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence, including notifications of any changes to the membership of the Board.

2. Minutes

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 29 October 2019.

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3. Declarations of Interest

a) To receive declarations of non pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda

For reference: Having declared their non pecuniary interest members may remain in the meeting and speak and, vote on the matter in question. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

b) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda

For reference: Where a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest he/she must leave the meeting during consideration of the item. However, the Member may remain in the meeting to make representations, answer questions or give evidence if the public have a right to do so, but having done so the Member must then immediately leave the meeting, may not vote and must not improperly seek to influence the outcome of the matter. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

(Please Note: If Members and Officers wish to seek advice on any potential interests they may have, they should contact Governance Support or Legal Services prior to the meeting.)

4. Urgent Items

To consider any other items that the Chairman decides are urgent.

5. Budget 2019/2020 - Quarter 2 Monitoring Report

The Head of Finance to present the second budget monitoring report for 2019/2020 under the Authority's agreed budget monitoring procedures which provides high-level information on capital and revenue expenditure and funding for the year compared to the position at the end of Quarter 1.

(To Follow)

The Cabinet Member for Finance and other members of the Cabinet to answer any of the Board's questions.

The Board to consider making any recommendations.



Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

29 October 2019

-: Present :-

Councillor Howgate (Chairman)

Councillors Brooks, Brown, Bye, Mandy Darling, Doggett, Kennedy and Loxton

(Also in attendance: Councillors Cowell, Steve Darling, Douglas-Dunbar, Ellery, Law, Chris Lewis, Morey, Stockman and David Thomas)

17. Apologies

It was reported that, in accordance with the wishes of the Conservative Group, the membership of the Board had been amended to include Councillor Brooks in place of Councillor Foster.

18. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 9 September were confirmed as a correct record subject to the following amendment (in bold) to the report attached to the minutes:

The Chairman of the Board invited Councillor Kennedy to present her report, which set out a number of questions. The Interim Director of Place, provided responses to the questions **that he could** and referred to email correspondence from the officers monitoring the fund, **and undertook to provide answers to remaining questions to Councillor Kennedy**. The Board was concerned at the level of discretion being applied to the award, giving the impression that the contract wasn't being complied with. This was further compounded by what Members considered to be a lack of communication and delays in the provision of information relating to the award of LRF funding.

19. What does it feel like to be a young person living in Torbay?

The Board considered a report entitled 'What does it feel like to be a young person living in Torbay?', prepared by Healthwatch Torbay.

Patricia Teague, Healthwatch Trustee, responded to Members questions. It was noted that that the report showed young people's biggest concerns included crime, violence, gangs, homelessness, drug and alcohol misuse and bullying. Members paid particular attention to crime, violence and gangs raising concerns in respect of reports of gangs operating in Torbay.

20. Ofsted monitoring visit feedback and revised Improvement Plan

The Board received an update on the findings in the Ofsted Monitoring Letter and the subsequent revised Improvement Plan. The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Director of Children's Services and Deputy Director of Children's Services responded to Members questions in relation to:

- The proposed response to addressing the critical weaknesses identified by Ofsted
- The role of the Department for Education Innovations Team
- How the Council can better engage our partners

Resolved: (i) that the Director of Children's Services provide the Overview and Scrutiny Board, quarterly progress reports on the implementation of the Improvement Plan;

(ii) that the Deputy Director of Children's Services consider the use of elected members to support the ongoing Improvement Plan; and

(iii) that the Deputy Director of Children's Services arrange for the Overview Scrutiny Lead for Children's Services and other Members to visit a 'good' Ofsted rated local authority to learn from them and provide feedback to the Board.

Chairman
