

Tuesday, 7 September 2021

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

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

Wednesday, 15 September 2021

commencing at **5.30 pm**

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

Members of the Committee

Councillor Douglas-Dunbar (Chairwoman)

Councillor Atiya-Alla

Councillor Mandy Darling

Councillor Barrand

Councillor Foster

Councillor Brown

Councillor Kennedy

Councillor Bye (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 14 July 2021.

(Pages 4 - 6)

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. Health and Wellbeing Support through GPs

To receive an update to ensure that residents are receiving good services from their GPs to include:

(Pages 7 - 17)

1. reviewing the Open Door Service and how this is accessed and the numbers of people being seen;
2. accessibility of GP appointments and services, how residents can access services and how this compares to the numbers accessing the service pre-Covid-19; and
3. what plans there are for GPs in the future e.g. mergers to become part of larger group surgeries.

Other useful background patient level information can be found at:

- <https://www.healthwatch.co.uk/report/2021-03-22/gp-access-during-covid-19>
- <https://devonccg.nhs.uk/news/major-independent-survey-of-devon-patients-provides-massive-vote-of-confidence-for-gp-services>

(Note: Jo Turl, Director of Out of Hospital Commissioning, Dr Alex Degan, Primary Care Medical Director, Paul Green, Deputy Director of Primary Care and Pat Harris, Healthwatch have been invited to the meeting for this item.)

6. Budget Monitoring Quarter 1

To consider the submitted budget monitoring report for Quarter 1 2021/2022 and make any recommendations to the Cabinet.

7. Update on Review of Planning Service Action Plan - Deferred

To monitor the progress of the Cabinet's response to the Overview and Scrutiny Review of the Planning Service Action Plan approved on 20 April 2021.

Meeting Attendance

Whilst national Covid-19 restrictions were lifted on 19 July 2021, Torbay Council has taken the decision to continue operating in a Covid-19 secure manner in order to protect staff and visitors entering Council buildings and to help reduce the spread of Covid-19 in Torbay. This includes social distancing and other protective measures (e.g. wearing a face covering (unless exempt), signing in and using hand sanitiser). Our public meetings will continue to operate with social distancing measures in place and as such there are limited numbers that can access our meeting rooms. Also, to help prevent the spread of the virus, anyone attending meetings is asked to take Covid lateral flow test the evening before - if you have a positive test result please follow the Government's guidelines and do not attend the meeting.

If you wish to attend a public meeting please contact us to confirm arrangements for your attendance.