

## **Minutes of the Cabinet**

**17 September 2024**

**-: Present :-**

Councillor David Thomas (Chairman)

Councillors Billings, Bye, Chris Lewis, Jacqueline Thomas and Tranter

(Also in attendance: Councillors Tyerman (virtual), Douglas-Dunbar (virtual), Johns (virtual), Barbara Lewis (virtual), Long, Spacagna (virtual) and Stevens (virtual))

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### **40. Apologies**

An apology for absence from the physical meeting room was given by Councillor Tyerman, however Councillor Tyerman was present in the virtual meeting room from where he contributed to the meeting but was not part of the decision making process.

### **41. Disclosure of Interests**

No interests were declared.

### **42. Matters for Consideration**

The Cabinet considered the following matters, full details of which including the Cabinet's decisions, are set out in the Record of Decisions appended to these Minutes.

### **43. Local Transport Plan (2025-2040) for Consultation**

### **44. Support Service for Homeless Adults in Temporary Accommodation**

### **45. Adult Social Care - Annual Local Account 2023/2024**

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## Record of Decisions

### Local Transport Plan (2025-2040) for Consultation

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 17 September 2024.

#### Decision

1. That the Local Transport Plan (2025-2040) for consultation jointly with Devon County Council be approved.
2. That the Director of Pride in Place be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Pride in Place, Transport and Parking, to approve minor editing alterations to the Local Transport Plan (2025-2040) for grammatical or presentation purposes ahead of the consultation, alongside the production of supporting consultation materials.

#### Reason for the Decision

To allow Devon County Council and Torbay Council to undertake a consultation on the proposed Local Transport Plan (2025-2040), to develop the strategy document with policies that support the growth of Torbay and enhance the transport opportunities for the community, businesses and visitors.

#### Implementation

This decision will be implemented immediately.

#### Information

Local Transport Plans are statutory documents, required under the Local Transport Act 2008, for the Local Transport Authorities such as Torbay Council to produce. In 2011, Torbay worked in partnership with Devon County Council to adopt a joint Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan (2011-2026)

Local Transport Plan set out the overarching ambitions for the local transport network with policies for the promotion of safe, integrated, efficient and economic transport, alongside proposals for the implementation of these policies.

The updated Local Transport Plan sets out a clear vision and objectives for a place-based strategy from 2025-2040.

At the meeting Councillor Billings proposed and Councillor Chris Lewis seconded a motion that was agreed by the Cabinet, as set out above.

#### Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

An alternative option would be not to consult at this time and wait until further guidance was published by Government, but there is no information currently on whether or not further guidance will be forthcoming. Devon County Council could choose to proceed separately with the plan, removing the linkages and joint sections with Torbay. This would mean that the

March 2025 date in the devolution agreement would be challenging to meet and would likely lead to a disjointed plan for transport across the area, rather than the joined-up approach currently proposed.

A second alternative option would be to similarly pause the current work, and instead wait until the existing plan expires in 2026 and to review whether a separate Torbay or joint Devon and Torbay plan at that time was appropriate. By 2026, an updated strategic plan for transport covering the area would be required. There had previously been indications that updated Local Transport Plans would be used to guide funding awards to Councils – with a longer-term plan there may be scope for longer term funding packages.

**Is this a Key Decision?**

No

**Does the call-in procedure apply?**

No

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

None

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Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet

## Record of Decisions

### Support Service for Homeless Adults in Temporary Accommodation

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 17 September 2024.

#### Decision

That authority be delegated to the Director of Adult and Community Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services, Public Health and Inequalities to award a contract for a building-based housing-related support service for homeless adults in temporary accommodation.

#### Reason for the Decision

The current temporary accommodation model in Torbay was based around dispersed units of accommodation without support. However, it had become clear that for a cohort of people with additional needs, who make up a significant percentage of the local recipients of council-funded temporary accommodation, a more interventionist approach was required. By providing support alongside accommodation, the council would be able to address the underlying causes of homelessness and introduce better flow through the temporary accommodation supply.

#### Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 30 September 2024 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### Information

Torbay Council have been offered an opportunity to work with an existing national provider with a local footprint to re-purpose a large building, at their cost, in Torquay that had previously been operated as a residential care home, but which had now closed.

The proposal was to commission a block contracted support service to provide 24:7 support to 20 individuals, together with personalised tailored support to each occupant. There were currently no existing contracts in place for this type of provision and support in Torbay.

At the meeting Councillor David Thomas proposed and Councillor Tranter 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 options considered were:

Do nothing - The current delivery model would remain the same. This would result in insufficient volume of temporary accommodation continuing and would remain a challenge to the Housing Needs team. Costs would also remain the same (or increase depending on need). With the likely impact on demand for unsupported temporary accommodation increasing. This option was therefore discounted.

Purchase of own accommodation - Based on similar services of this type and scale, the full capital cost of acquisition and remodelling of an alternative building in Torbay would be in the region of £2.5 million. If Torbay were therefore to facilitate such a scheme through funding from Homes England, this would apply additional occupation conditions. This would likely require assured shorthold tenancies, rather than occupation under license, therefore reducing the management of a site through moving people quickly and therefore not the provision of temporary accommodation. This option was discounted.

**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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## Record of Decisions

### Adult Social Care - Annual Local Account 2023/2024

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 17 September 2024.

#### Decision

That the Local Account set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved to enable the Local Account to be published in accordance with Government requirements.

#### Reason for the Decision

The Annual Local Account is a statutory reporting requirement that reflects how Adult Social Care, delegated to Torbay and South Devon Foundation Trust, has performed against national and local performance indicators.

#### Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 30 September 2024 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### Information

The Local Account for Adult Social Care sets out what has been achieved for local people in relation to adult social care by outlining the level of performance for the last financial year and the Council's commitment to future service delivery.

At the meeting Councillor Tranter proposed and Councillor Bye 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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