



Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

30 October 2012

-: Present :-

Councillor Thomas (J) (Chairman)

Councillors Barnby, Bent, Darling (Vice-Chair), Hill, Hytche, Pentney,
Pountney and Stockman

(Also in attendance: The Mayor and Councillors Excell, Davies, Doggett, Faulkner (A),
Lewis, Morey, Parrott, Scouler and Thomas (D))

28. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Penny Burnside.

29. Committee Membership

It was reported that, in accordance with the wishes of the Conservative Group, the membership of the Board had been amended by including Councillor Hytche in place of Councillor Kingscote.

30. Granting of a Long Lease for the Occombe House Site

The Board considered the details of a call-in by five Members of the Council of the decision by the Mayor to, amongst other things, authorise the Executive Head of Commercial Services to permit the assignment of the current lease relating to Occombe House and Fairwinds Day Centre to the chosen service provider of Torbay and Southern Devon Health and Care NHS Trust.

The Call-in Promoter (Councillor Faulkner (A)) set out the reasons for calling-in the decision and each of the Call-in Supporters also addressed the Board about their concerns regarding the decision.

The Mayor and Executive Lead for Adult Social Care and Older People responded to the points raised by both the Call-in Promoter and Supporters and the Members of the Board including:

- Torbay and Southern Devon Health and Care NHS Trust had been working in partnership with the families and carers of the Occombe residents to identify a suitable alternative provider who will develop supported living arrangements for the residents on the Occombe site. All meetings with potential future providers had had family and staff representation and this would continue throughout the process.

- It was expected that the contract would be let by the end of November 2012.
- It was anticipated that, if a preferred bidder can be identified by the end of 2012 and planning permission is granted for the development of the site by South Hams District Council, the supported living accommodation could be complete within 12-15 months.

Resolved: that no further action be taken.

Chairman