



Minutes of the Council

26 September 2013

-: Present :-

Chairman of the Council (Councillor Parrott) (In the Chair)
Vice-Chairman of the Council (Councillor Barnby)

The Mayor of Torbay (Mayor Oliver)

Councillors Addis, Amil, Baldrey, Bent, Brooksbank, Butt, Cowell, Davies, Darling, Doggett, Ellery, Excell, Faulkner (A), Faulkner (J), Hernandez, Hill, James, Kingscote, Lewis, McPhail, Mills, Morey, Pentney, Pritchard, Scouler, Stockman, Stringer, Thomas (D), Thomas (J) and Tyerman

55 Opening of meeting

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

56 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hytche, Pountney, Richards and Stocks.

57 Minutes

The Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council and the ordinary meeting of the Council both held on 18 July 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

58 Declarations of interests

The following non-pecuniary interests were declared:

Councillor	Minute Number	Nature of interest
Councillor Darling	71	Member of the Management Committee of the Acorn Centre and a scout leader for 11 th Torbay Sea Scouts
Councillor Doggett	67	Member of the Torbay Rail Line Users Group

Councillor Excell	69	Owns 201 and 203 Union Street, Torre
Councillor Faulkner (A)	72	Working with residents committee
Councillor Faulkner (J)	71	Chair of Chill'ed Out, Vice Chair of Acorn Centre, Member/President of Windmill Centre
Councillor Hill	72	Trustee of Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust
Councillor James	71	Trustee for Brixham Youth Enquiry Service

59 Communications

The Chairman:

1. reminded members of the Civic Church service which was being held on Sunday 6 October 2013 at 3 pm at Christ Church, Ellacombe, Torquay;
2. informed members that there would be a tea dance and cabaret at the Redcliffe Hotel, Paignton, on Wednesday 6 November at 2 pm. This was in aid of the Chairman's Charity, the Motor Neurone Disease Association and all members were welcome to attend; and
3. relayed the following message that he had received from Chris Milord, Flt Lt RAFVR (T) for the OC 200 Torquay Squadron Air Training Corps:

'I would like to thank all the Council for the support you have given the Air Cadets over the last 10 years that I have been Commanding Officer and for the way we all made the Royal Review happen in 2012. I must also thank you for the Honour of a Diamond Jubilee Award last year.

I have a new role as Sector Commander which covers Torbay, Dawlish, Newton Abbot and Totnes.

I hope that the Squadron and Council will keep working together to give the youth of today the support they need.

It has been a great honour to serve the Bay and I hope I can still be involved in my new role.'

On behalf of the Council, the Chairman recorded thanks to Chris Milord for all his work with the Cadets.

The Mayor:

1. referred to the twinning visit to Torbay last week to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Torbay's twinning with Hamelin. The event was a success and Torbay welcomed the Lord Mayor of Hamelin and a number of former Mayors. The Mayor referred to the voluntary organisation involved with the twinning and was supportive of the ongoing progress for the twinning arrangements; and
2. advised members that Ofsted had released their provisional statistics for the Early Years outcomes. The provisional results indicated that Torbay had maintained its position of being the highest performing Local Authority. The Mayor reported that 93% of provision was judged as good or better and the percentage of outstanding provision had exceeded other authorities by 11%.

60 Petitions

In accordance with Standing Order A12, the Council received three petitions as set out in Minutes 61 to 63 below.

61 Petition - Tree outside 91 Broadpark Road, Torquay

The Council noted that a petition had been received requesting the removal of a tree outside 91 Broadpark Road, Torquay (approximately 39 signatures).

The Chairman reported, that since the publication of the Council agenda, the Service Manager (Street Scene and Place) had made the decision in respect of this tree and therefore this petition had been addressed.

62 Petition - Requesting Traffic Calming in Maidenway Road

The Council received a petition requesting traffic calming in Maidenway Road, Paignton (approximately 138 signatures).

It was noted that the petition had been referred direct to the Service Manager (Streetscene and Place) for consideration in consultation with the Transport Working Party, at the request of the petitioners.

63 Petition - To reinstate the licence for the mobile refreshment van at Cary Park, Torquay

The Council received a petition to re-instate the licence for the mobile refreshment van at Cary Park, Torquay (approximately 50 signatures).

It was noted that the petition had been referred direct to the Executive Head for Resident and Visitor Services in consultation with the Executive Member for Tourism and Harbours, at the request of the petitioners.

64 Public Question - Access to Redgate Beach

In accordance with Standing Order A24, the Council heard from Mr Griffey who had submitted a statement and question in relation to the possibility of re-opening Redgate Beach, Torquay. The Executive Lead for Business Planning and Governance responded to the statement and question that had been put forward, plus a supplementary question asked by Mr Griffey.

65 Public Question - Torbay Art Centre

In accordance with Standing Order A24, the Council heard from Mr Stride and Ms Brandon who had submitted a statement and question in relation to the Torbay Art Centre. The Executive Lead for Culture and the Arts responded to the statement and question that had been put forward, plus a supplementary question asked by Ms Brandon.

66 Members' questions

Members received the questions, as attached to the agenda, notice of which had been given in accordance with Standing Order A13.

Verbal responses were provided at the meeting. The Chairman advised that Councillor Darling had withdrawn question 6. Supplementary questions were then asked and answered in respect of questions 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

67 Notice of Motion - High Speed 2 (Mayoral)

Members considered a motion, in relation to High Speed 2, notice of which was given in accordance with Standing Order A14.

It was proposed by Councillor Doggett and seconded by Councillor Darling:

This Council notes that the estimated costs for High Speed 2 have increased from £32 Billion to between £50 Billion and as high as £80 Billion.

In comparison, spending per head on transport infrastructure lags in the South West has significantly fallen behind compared to national rail spend.

This Council further notes that there has been unprecedented passenger growth in the South West, for example:

Patronage growth 2002-2012

Exeter/Paignton/Plymouth lines	108% increase
Plymouth/Penzance lines	184% increase
Truro lines	208% increase
Exeter/Barnstaple lines	159% increase

Torbay Council is also concerned to note that there are no plans at present to provide sufficient train capacity despite a sustained and high increase in passenger growth.

In this environment the Council feels that two key areas of concern need to be addressed.

Firstly, Modernisation:

There are currently no plans to electrify any track beyond Bristol. Electrification should be rolled out across the South West peninsula. Improved Rolling stock should accompany this work.

Secondly, Improved resilience:

The South west suffers from a number of weak points, in its rail network, which can have a catastrophic impact on the network in poor weather conditions. The vulnerable points that need addressing include: Cowley Bridge Exeter, Dawlish sea wall and flooding on the Somerset levels.

Enhanced capacity for the Exeter to Waterloo line capacity to be enhanced to reinstate the line as a diversionary route in the event of disruption to London main line services.

In light of the above, this Council resolves to instruct the Executive Director of Operations and Finance to register our opposition to HS2 to the Secretary of State for Transport. The Government should cancel this scheme and spend a significant proportion of the monies allocated to this project to improve Rail infrastructure across the whole of England, but particularly addressing the South West of England that appears to have been left behind compared to other parts of the UK.

The Executive Director is also requested to write to Councils across Devon, Cornwall Somerset and Dorset who have a responsibility for transport advising them of this Councils actions on this matter.

In accordance with Standing Order A14.3(a), the motion stood referred to the Mayor. The Mayor referred the motion to the Transport Working Party and requested officers to approach other local authorities to join together to provide a stronger voice for rail improvements in the South West.

(Note: Prior to consideration of Minute 67, Councillor Doggett declared his non-pecuniary interest.)

68 Notice of Motion - Legal Highs (Mayoral)

Members considered a motion, in relation to legal highs, notice of which was given in accordance with Standing Order A14 (proposed by Councillor Thomas (D) and seconded by Councillor Excell). The Chairman reported that he had agreed for Councillor Lewis to second the motion as it related to his Executive Lead portfolio.

It was proposed by Councillor Thomas (D) and seconded by Councillor Lewis:

The Council notes that:

- A recent report, 'No Quick Fix', from the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) dated September 2013 reported a rise in the use of new drugs, including new psychoactive substances (NPS), sometimes called 'legal highs'. They report that these are doing increasing harm to a growing number of people.
- The report highlights that that 52 people died from 'Legal Highs' in 2012, this being an increase from 28 the previous year. The report goes on to say the numbers of young people in the UK aged 15-24 who have taken a 'legal high' is estimated to be 670,000 (or 8.2 percent) – the highest in Europe.
- The report advises that these are sold in 'head shops' on the high street and over the internet, these new drugs are often chemically similar to banned drugs and have the same effects. The slight molecular differences mean they can be sold as bath salts or research chemicals, provided they carry a caution against consumption. The result of this slight chemical difference means that new drugs are not covered under the A, B, C system of the Misuse of Drugs Act and therefore legal to produce, supply and possess.
- The report states that there are 234 controlled substances that have a classification, but another 251 uncontrolled substances that don't.

The Council resolves that:

- The Government should speedily draw up and implement legislation to make 'legal highs' and any similar derivatives illegal. Furthermore to give new or amended powers to the Police and Local Authorities to enforce the new or amended legislation.

Council further resolves to:

- Write to the Home Secretary
- Write to the Police and Crime Commissioner, and
- Write to the two local MPs outlining the Council's position.

In accordance with Standing Order A14.3(a), the motion stood referred to the Mayor. The Mayor advised he would accept the motion and the record of his decision is attached to these Minutes.

69 Notice of Motion - Traffic Flow Torquay Town Centre (Mayoral)

Members considered a motion, in relation to the traffic flow in Torquay town centre, notice of which was given in accordance with Standing Order A14.

It was proposed by Councillor Cowell and seconded by Councillor Morey:

This Council requests that the Mayor identifies the necessary financing to reverse traffic flow in to Torquay town centre through Torre.

Council notes that recommendations from Princes Foundation, who advised Torquay Neighbourhood Forum, identified the access to the town as one that needed improving.

Council further notes that the recent Local Transport Board rejected an application for funding from the recent process and therefore alternative funding needs to be identified as a priority.

Council recognises that improving direct access in to the town will help encourage potential investors to develop sites identified within the emerging Torquay Neighbourhood Plan and in so doing stimulate regeneration.

In accordance with Standing Order A14.3(a), the motion stood referred to the Mayor. The Mayor referred the motion to the Transport Working Party.

70 Notice of Motion - Democracy Week (Council)

Members considered a motion, in relation to democracy week, notice of which was given in accordance with Standing Order A14.

It was proposed by Councillor Cowell and seconded by Councillor Ellery:

As part of Democracy Week (14 to 18 October 2013) Torbay Council will make every effort to pilot a webcast of our 17 October Council meeting. In so doing the Council will widen the possible audience and help promote democracy.

This action will demonstrate the Mayor's objectives of being open, inclusive and democratic.

This Council resolves, in light of tight budgetary conditions, the Executive Member for Business Planning and Governance and the Executive Head for Commercial Services, in consultation with the Chairman and Councillor Cowell, investigate and consider the provision of the free services of a broadcaster (possibly local schools/colleges) who can be engaged and

assist in streaming the live webcast through both the Council and Herald Express websites.

In accordance with Standing Order A14.3(b), the Deputy Monitoring Officer advised that the motion would be dealt with by this meeting and the Chairman opened debate.

In accordance with Standing Order A19.4, a recorded vote was taken on the motion. The voting was taken by roll call as follows: For: the Mayor, Councillors Addis, Barnby, Bent, Brooksbank, Butt, Cowell, Darling, Davies, Doggett, Ellery, Excell, Faulkner (A), Faulkner (J), Hernandez, James, Kingscote, Lewis, McPhail, Morey, Parrott, Pentney, Scouler, Stockman, Stringer, Thomas (D), Thomas (J) and Tyerman (28); Against: Councillors Amil, Hill, Mills and Pritchard (4); and Absent: Councillors Baldrey, Hytche, Pountney, Richards and Stocks (5). Therefore, the motion was declared carried.

71 Youth Trust (Mayoral Decision)

The Council made the following recommendation to the Mayor:

It was proposed by Councillor Pritchard and seconded by Councillor Faulkner (J):

That the Mayor be recommended:

- (i) That Council supports the creation of a Torbay Youth Trust;
- (ii) Agreement for a full business case to be developed that considers what services and assets will be transferred to the Youth Trust within the first 2 years of operation as part of the 2014/15 budget setting; and
- (iii) The Council provides officer support towards the development of the Youth Trust and explores options for contracting with the Youth Trust to deliver appropriate youth services.

On being put to the vote, the motion was declared carried (unanimous).

The Mayor considered the recommendation of the Council as set out above at the meeting and the record of his decision, together with further information, is attached to these minutes.

(Note: During consideration of Minute 71, Councillors Darling, Faulkner (J) and James declared their non-pecuniary interests.)

72 Land within Maidencombe as a Village Green (Mayoral and Council Decision)

The Council considered the submitted report setting out a request from the residents of Maidencombe for land (as shown edged red on plan EM2295) to be registered as a Town or Village Green (TVG) and proposals for the land to also be transferred to the residents.

It was proposed by Councillor Thomas (D) and seconded by Councillor Hill:

Decision of the Mayor

- (i) that subject to the Council agreeing to the application to the register the Land as Town or Village Green the land be transferred for no consideration to a company set up by the residents of Maidencombe or a properly constituted trust set up for the benefit of the residents of Maidencombe; and
- (ii) that an application be made to Torbay Council in its separate capacity as Common Registration Authority for Torbay for the Land to be registered as Town or Village Green subject to the Council agreeing that registration will only be completed simultaneously with the completion of the transfer of the Land, proposed at paragraph (i); and

Decision of Full Council

- (iii) that the application to register the Land be accepted and the Land be entered in the Council's Register of Town or Village Greens by the Council's Land Charges Manager such registration to be completed simultaneously with the completion of the transfer of the Land proposed at paragraph (i) and not before.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried (unanimous).

The Mayor considered the recommendation of the Council in (i) and (ii) above at the meeting and the record of his decision is attached to these minutes.

(Note: During consideration of Minute 72, Councillor Hill declared his non-pecuniary interest.)

73 Geopark Global Conference 2016

The Council considered the submitted report on proposals for Torbay, as a member of the Geopark Global Network, to submit a bid to host the Geopark Global Conference in 2016.

It was proposed by Councillor Butt and seconded by Councillor Hill:

- (i) that Council give its approval for Torbay Council, in partnership with the English Riviera Geopark Organisation (ERGO) and the TDA, to bid to host the Geopark Global Conference in 2016; and
- (ii) that the Council commits to underwriting any shortfall in costs of hosting. It is expected that the costs will be covered by fees from delegates and with private sector sponsors.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Morey and Councillor Davies:

That consideration of the report be deferred to the Council meeting to be held in October 2013 to allow the concerns raised at this meeting, in particular the mitigation of the exposure to the Council's costs, and enable a full and robust business case to be developed.

On being put the vote, the amendment was declared lost.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Hernandez and Councillor Thomas (D):

- (i) that Council give its approval for Torbay Council, in partnership with the English Riviera Geopark Organisation (ERGO) and the TDA, to bid to host the Geopark Global Conference in 2016 and a letter of intent be drawn up to support this; and
- (ii) that the Council commits to working with partners to underwrite any shortfall in costs of hosting. It is expected that the costs will be covered by fees from delegates and with private sector sponsors.

On being put to the vote the amendment was declared carried.

The substantive motion (the second amendment with the changed and additional wording) was then before Members for consideration.

In accordance with Standing Order A19.4, a recorded vote was taken on the substantive motion. The voting was taken by roll call as follows: For: the Mayor, Councillors Addis, Amil Barnby, Bent, Brooksbank, Butt, Excell, Hernandez, Hill, Kingscote, Lewis, McPhail, Mills, Pritchard, Scouler, Stockman, Thomas (D) and Thomas (J) (19); Against: Councillors Cowell, Darling, Davies, Doggett, Ellery, James, Morey, Pentney and Tyerman (9); Abstain: Councillor Parrott and Stringer (2); and Absent: Councillors Baldrey, Faulkner (A), Faulkner (J), Hytche, Pountney, Richards and Stocks, (7). Therefore, the substantive motion was declared carried.

74 Local Enterprise Partnership EU Structural & Investment Strategy (Mayoral Decision)

The Council made the following recommendation to the Mayor:

It was proposed by Councillor Thomas (D) and seconded by Councillor Kingscote:

That the Mayor be recommended:

That the EU funding strategy currently being developed by the Local Enterprise Partnership and the thematic priorities within this are endorsed.

On being put to the vote, the motion was declared carried.

The Mayor considered the recommendation of the Council as set out above at the meeting and the record of his decision, together with further information, is attached to these minutes.

75 Plymouth City Deal (Mayoral Decision)

The Council made the following recommendation to the Mayor:

It was proposed by Councillor Thomas (D) and seconded by Councillor Pritchard:

The Mayor be recommended to:

- (i) that Council approves the continued participation of Torbay in the development of the Plymouth City Deal; and
- (ii) that Council approves the direction and negotiating position of the Plymouth City Deal to be presented to the Local Growth Board on 9 October 2013.

On being put to the vote, the motion was declared carried.

The Mayor considered the recommendation of the Council as set out above at the meeting and the record of his decision, together with further information, is attached to these minutes.

76 Revenue Budget Monitoring (1st Quarter)

The Council noted the current projected outturn for the Revenue Budget 2013/2014 based on quarter 1 information, as set out in the submitted report.

77 Capital Budget Monitoring (1st Quarter)

The Council considered the submitted report setting out the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Board in respect of the Council no longer giving loans to housing associations. It was noted that a range of affordable housing schemes were underspent. The Council also noted the views expressed at the Priorities and Resources Review Panel that affordable housing would have a positive impact on children and families in Torbay.

It was proposed by Councillor Thomas (J) and seconded by Councillor Darling:

- (i) that the Mayor be requested to revisit his decision not to lend to housing associations given the need for affordable housing in Torbay and the income opportunities such lending provides; and
- (ii) that the Council should ensure that the allocated spend for affordable housing is effectively utilised to achieve short and longer term outcomes for Torbay and that, should the Mayor not reconsider his position, the Council develop a Plan B as soon as possible to put to good use the money that the Council has borrowed but is in excess of its current requirements.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried.

The Mayor responded to the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Board in (i) above at the meeting and in accordance with Standing Order D7.4 (in relation to Overview and Scrutiny). The Mayor did not support the recommendation as he considered there was no commitment from housing associations that they would invest the funds within Torbay.

Chairman

Minute Item 68

Record of Decisions

Notice of Motion - Legal Highs

Decision Taker

Mayor on Thursday, 26 September 2013

Decision

That the motion be supported.

Reason for the Decision

To respond to the motion.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on Wednesday, 9 October 2013 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

At the Council meeting held on 26 September 2013, members received a motion, as set out below, notice of which had been given in accordance with Standing Order A14 by Councillors Thomas (D) and Excell. The motion was seconded at the meeting by Councillor Lewis as the relevant Executive Lead.

The Council notes that:

- A recent report, 'No Quick Fix', from the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) dated September 2013 reported a rise in the use of new drugs, including new psychoactive substances (NPS), sometimes called 'legal highs'. They report that these are doing increasing harm to a growing number of people.
- The report highlights that that 52 people died from 'Legal Highs' in 2012, this being an increase from 28 the previous year. The report goes on to say the numbers of young people in the UK aged 15-24 who have taken a 'legal high' is estimated to be 670,000 (or 8.2 percent) – the highest in Europe.
- The report advises that these are sold in 'head shops' on the high street and over the internet, these new drugs are often chemically similar to banned drugs and have the same effects. The slight molecular differences mean they can be sold as bath salts or research chemicals, provided they carry a caution against consumption. The result of this slight chemical difference means that new drugs are not covered under the A, B, C system of the Misuse of Drugs Act and therefore legal to produce, supply and possess.
- The report states that there are 234 controlled substances that have a classification, but another 251 uncontrolled substances that don't.

The Council resolves that:

- The Government should speedily draw up and implement legislation to make 'legal highs' and any similar derivatives illegal. Furthermore to give new or amended powers to The Police and Local Authorities to enforce the new or amended legislation.

Council further resolves to:

- Write to the Home Secretary
- Write to the Police and Crime Commissioner, and
- Write to the two local MPs outlining the Council's position.

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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1 October 2013

Signed: _____
Mayor of Torbay

Date: 1 October 2013

Minute Item 71

Record of Decisions

Youth Trust

Decision Taker

Mayor on Thursday, 26 September 2013

Decision

- (i) That the creation of a Torbay Youth Trust be supported;
- (ii) That a full business case be developed to consider what services and assets will be transferred to the Youth Trust within the first 2 years of operation as part of the 2014/15 budget setting; and
- (iii) The Council provides Officer support towards the development of the Youth Trust and explores options for contracting with the Youth Trust to deliver appropriate youth services.

Reason for the Decision

To support the vision for youth services to be delivered and developed through an alternative structure to sustain services for young people.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on Wednesday, 9 October 2013 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The creation of a Torbay Youth Trust will deliver a sustainable change in the way services are delivered for young people. Sustaining services for young people within the current financial climate is increasingly difficult for the Council. By moving the delivery of youth services away from the Council and investing in the voluntary and community sector will enable alternative funding solutions to be used that are inaccessible by the Council. The creation of a Trust will also enable young people to be at the heart of shaping future services.

The Mayor supported the recommendations of the Council made on 26 September 2013, as set out in his decision above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options are set out in the submitted report.

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I013897

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

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

Councillor Darling declared a non pecuniary interest as he was a member of the Management Committee of the Acorn Centre and a scout leader for the 11th Torbay Sea Scouts.

Councillor Faulkner (J) declared a non pecuniary interest as she was the Chair of Chill'ed Out, Vice Chair of the Acorn Centre and member/president of the Windmill Centre.

Councillor James declared a non pecuniary interest as he was a trustee for Brixham Youth Enquiry Service.

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1 October 2013

Signed: _____
Mayor of Torbay

Date: 1 October 2013

Minute Item 72

Record of Decisions

Land within Maidencombe as a Village Green

Decision Taker

Mayor on Thursday, 26 September 2013

Decision

- (i) That the land, shown edged red on plan EM2295, be transferred for no consideration to a company set up by the residents of Maidencombe or a properly constituted trust set up for the benefit of the residents of Maidencombe; and
- (ii) that an application be made to Torbay Council in its separate capacity as Common Registration Authority for Torbay for the Land to be registered as Town or Village Green (TVG).

Reason for the Decision

To respond to the residents of Maidencombe to register the land as a Town and Village Green (TVG) and to transfer responsibility of maintaining the land to the residents once it has been registered as a TVG.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on Wednesday, 9 October 2013 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

Residents of Maidencombe have asked for the land shown edged red on plan EM2295 (as attached to the submitted report) to be registered as Town or Village Green. Prior to the registration it is intended to transfer the land to the residents (either to a company set up by the residents or a trust with two or more residents acting as trustees) to enable them to control the future use of the land so far as it is consistent with its status as a TVG. It is intended that the Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust will continue to be responsible for the maintenance of the land.

The Council at it's meeting on 26 September 2013, accepted the application for the land to be entered in the Council's register of Town or Village Greens.

The Mayor also supported the recommendations of the Council made on 26 September 2013, as set out in his decision above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options are set out in the submitted report.

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)

Councillor Hill declared a non pecuniary interest as was a trustee of Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust.

Councillor Faulkner (A) declared a non pecuniary interest as he had been working with the residents committee.

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1 October 2013

Signed: _____
Mayor of Torbay

Date: 1 October 2013

Minute Item 74

Record of Decisions

Local Enterprise Partnership EU Structural & Investment Strategy

Decision Taker

Mayor on Thursday, 26 September 2013

Decision

That the EU funding strategy currently being developed by the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the thematic priorities within this are endorsed.

Reason for the Decision

To ensure Torbay demonstrates its support of the priorities included within the draft Structural and Investment Fund strategy which will result in Torbay having influence over the final document and ultimately the available funding for activities within the Torbay area.

Implementation

The decision will come into force and may be implemented on 1 October 2013. The Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator was consulted and agreed that the decision was urgent and it would not be in the Council or the public's interest for call-in to apply.

Information

The Government is devolving much of the administration of EU funding for 2014 to 2020 to Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs). This includes being allocated funding which LEPs must decide how to spend. The Heart of the South West LEP has been allocated €118 million over 7 years. To receive the funding LEPs must create a Structural and Investment Fund strategy to be submitted to the Government by 7 October 2013.

LEP partners, particularly Local Authorities, are requested to endorse the developing strategy to demonstrate to Government that it is supported and will meet local need.

The Mayor supported the recommendation of the Council made on 26 September 2013, as set out in his decision above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options are set out in the submitted report.

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I014432

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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1 October 2013

Signed: _____
Mayor of Torbay

Date: 1 October 2013

Minute Item 75

Record of Decisions

Plymouth City Deal

Decision Taker

Mayor on Thursday, 26 September 2013

Decision

- (i) That the continued participation of Torbay in the development of the Plymouth City Deal be approved and
- (ii) That the direction and negotiating position of the Plymouth City Deal to be presented to the Local Growth Board in October 2013 be approved.

Reason for the Decision

To provide support to the City Deal which if successful has the potential to bring investment into Torbay and support the implementation of the Economic Strategy.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on Wednesday 9 October 2013 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Government is changing the way it seeks to deliver economic growth and is offering local partners an opportunity to shape how growth is generated in their areas. Plymouth has been asked to submit a proposal for a City Deal which if successful will result in support for the area covered by the Deal.

The City Deal covers two local enterprise partnerships (LEPs) Heart of the South West LEP (includes Torbay) and Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly LEP. The proposals focus on a vision of Plymouth and the Peninsula as a world leader in the maritime sector and names Brixham as one of the key strategic sites. It also includes an export readiness programme and skills provision which offer opportunities for Torbay and links to local priorities to create jobs and generate economic growth.

Torbay has been engaged in the development of a City Deal and proposals are being presented to the Government in October 2013.

The Mayor supported the recommendations of the Council made on 26 September 2013, as set out in his decision above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options are set out in the submitted report.

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I013896

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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