

Record of Decisions

Changing Places Policy

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 23 March 2021.

Decision

- (i) that Torbay Council leads on a partnership which develops a Changing Places Policy, which incorporates:
- A commitment from Torbay Council to supporting the provision of Changing Places toilets in Torbay.
 - An electronic map and guide as to where they can be found in Torbay.
 - An aspirational blueprint and statement on where they would ideally be situated to gain full coverage.
 - Planning guidance on requirements for new buildings and guidance on what constitutes a Changing Place Toilet.
 - A shared commitment from public, private and voluntary sector partners to do everything they can to promote, create and maintain changing places toilets.
 - A commitment to encourage the use of mobile Changing Places Toilets at major public events – these are available to lease.
- (ii) that the concept of the Changing Places Toilet is supported by Cabinet in principle and the development and implementation of the policy be delegated to the Assistant Director of Adult Services in consultation with the Assistant Director of Planning, Housing and Climate Emergency; and
- (iii) that Torbay Council, with partners, submits a bid to the newly announced Changing Places Fund to provide an additional changing places toilet in Torbay.

Reason for the Decision

It is important that people with profound, complex and multiple disabilities and impairments are able to safely, comfortably and hygienically spend time away from their home. Changing Places Toilets support this by providing sanitary facilities, with extra space and equipment that can be used by people who require the assistance of one or two carers/companions.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 7 April 2021 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

Nationally, over a quarter of million people need access to Changing Places Toilets to enable them to get out and about and enjoy the day-to-day activities many of us take for granted. It was proposed that the Council leads on a partnership which develops and implements a Changing Places Toilets Policy in Torbay, thereby delivering improved accessible changing facilities for people who need a lot of assistance. The proposals would, in particular, support severely disabled people who were looking to holiday in the bay, and those residents who need

these facilities.

At the meeting, Stephen Marks, on behalf of Mencap Torbay Society gave a presentation. Subsequently, Councillor Stockman proposed and Councillor Law seconded a motion which was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

No other options have been considered, other than to not adopt this policy.

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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Signed: _____ Date: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet