

## **Minutes of the Cabinet**

**16 June 2020**

**-: Present :-**

Councillor Steve Darling (Chairman)

Councillors Carter, Cowell, Law, Long, Morey and Stockman

(Also in attendance: Councillors Barnby, Barrand, Brooks, Brown, Bye, Doggett, Douglas-Dunbar, Foster, Kennedy, Chris Lewis, Mills and Loxton)

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### **100. Communications**

The Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Tourism and Housing, Councillor Long, informed Members that the Council had been invited by the Local Enterprise Partnership to put forward bids for capital projects that could be completed by 2022. The LEP had been requested to prioritise bids for those areas hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councillor Long outlined the approach that had been undertaken with regards to community engagement in respect of the Future High Streets Fund. Councillor Long advised Members that the fund was an exciting opportunity for Paignton that would see improvements in public space and public realm, he explained that there had been community engagement over the last couple years, with further meetings scheduled before a report is submitted for consideration by Members in July.

Councillor Long also advised Members that work in respect of Torquay Town Deal was ongoing and highlighted the Torquay Town Deal was for the whole of Torquay not just the Town Centre. He advised that work was underway with the community to put forward ideas, with the Town Investment Plan being developed and overseen by the Town Deal Board. It was hoped that with the impact of COVID-19 a strong and compelling argument for funding would be put forward for Torquay.

Councillor Long concluded his communications by wishing everyone a happy Pride month.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Steve Darling expressed his sadness following the announcement that Living Coast would be closing. He advised Members that the Council had reached out to the operators and would be as supportive as possible as the Zoo and Living Coasts was an important part of Torbay's core offer for residents and visitors.

## **101. Matters for Consideration**

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

### **101.1 One Torbay: Working for all Torbay - Delivery Plan**

### **101.2 Post COVID Economic Plan**

Note: during consideration of this item Councillors Barnby and Barrand left the meeting.)

### **101.3 Torbay Local Development Scheme**

This item was withdrawn.

### **101.4 Budget Monitoring 2019/20 - Quarter Four - Outturn**

Cabinet noted the Budget Monitoring 2019/20 – Quarter Four – Outturn report, the report had been revised following debate and feedback at the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 10 June 2020.

### **101.5 TDA Business Plan 2020-2025**

Vince Flower, Chairman of the TDA Board joined the meeting for this item and outlined the reason and direction of travel of the TDA Business Plan 2020-2025.

(Note: during consideration of the item in Minute 101e, the press and public were formally excluded from the meeting on the grounds that exempt information (as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) was likely to be disclosed.)

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Chairman

## Record of Decisions

### One Torbay: Working for all Torbay - Delivery Plan

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 16 June 2020.

#### Decision

That the Cabinet Delivery Plan for One Torbay: Working for all Torbay be approved.

#### Reason for the Decision

The Delivery Plan will ensure that there is a planned approach to the delivery of the Community and Corporate Plan over the next 12 months.

#### Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 29 June 2020 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### Information

At its meeting on 27 February 2020, Council agreed the 'One Torbay: Working for all Torbay' – the Council's Community and Corporate Plan. There are a number of plans and strategies which sit below One Torbay: Working for all Torbay. Each one of these provides further details of how the Council is working towards meeting its ambition of a Thriving Torbay.

In order to provide focus, the Cabinet has prepared a Delivery which sets out the specific actions which will be undertaken over the next 12 months to deliver against the Community and Corporate Plan. They will be the focus of the Leader of the Council and his Cabinet and progress against the plan will be continuously monitored.

Councillor Steve Darling proposed and Councillor Cowell 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 actions within the other documents which make up the Policy Framework could continue to be delivered. However, it is felt that by combining the priority actions into a Delivery Plan for the next 12 months will provide a focus for both Cabinet and the organisation as a whole.

#### 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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Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet

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### Post Covid Economic Plan

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 16 June 2020.

#### Decision

- (i) That Cabinet endorses the Repositioning approach advocated in the draft post Covid economic plan (as set out at Appendix 1);
- (ii) That Cabinet recognises that there will be a resource implication in committing to delivering this plan; and
- (iii) That a further updated plan be presented to Cabinet in July, taking into account the feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Board and incorporating long term outcomes for Torbay's children and young people.

#### Reason for the Decision

The plan sets out an appropriate response to the extraordinary challenges that will face the local economy as a consequence of the pandemic.

#### Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 29 June 2020 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny)

#### Information

The proposed post COVID-19 economic plan was a work in progress and the Cabinet was asked to receive it as such and endorse the direction of travel. The plan sets out an appropriate response to the extraordinary challenges that will face the local economy as a consequence of the pandemic. The plan includes the high-level issues which the pandemic will present for the local economy including increased levels of unemployment, business failure and challenges to cancel income in various ways.

An action plan has been produced and sets out three different phases of work and five different themes. The three phases are:

- Response – crisis management, signposting, planning
- Recovery – measure to regain lost momentum and restart activity
- Reposition – designed to move the area past its historic levels of performance

In developing the plan discussions have taken place and are ongoing with colleagues within the Council, business representatives and wider community representatives including Torbay Community Development Trust and Local Spark.

The plan would require additional resources to be committed in support of economic growth work. Whilst the cost information continues to be developed, initial estimates suggest

approximately £1.5m of revenue commitments to 2023 would be required.

Councillor Long proposed and Councillor Cowell 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)

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### TDA Business Plan 2020-2025

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 16 June 2020.

#### Decision

The Cabinet recommends to Council:

- (i) That the TDA business plan 2020-2025 be approved; and
- (ii) That the TDA business plan is removed from the Council policy framework.

#### Reason for the Decision

The existing business plan for TDA was approved in late 2016, progress against that plan was set out in the exempt business plan for 2020-2025. The TDA's Board requested that the plan be refreshed in order to take into account the progress made and the Council's requirement for TDA to assume responsibility for the housing company aspirations.

#### Implementation

The recommendations of the Cabinet will be considered at the Council meeting on 16 July 2020.

#### Information

TDA is Torbay Council's wholly owned economic development company. The purpose of TDA is to deliver economic development and regeneration for Torbay and manages the Council's assets. TDA is also a trading company providing a range of services for other clients. The business plan sets out how the commercial direction for TDA will develop.

The existing business plan was approved in late 2016 and broadly progress against the plan has been good. TDA's Board requested that the plan be refreshed to take into account the progress made and the Council's requirement for TDA to assume responsibility for the housing company aspirations. The plan has been reviewed further to take into account the impact on the business as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic with several changes having been made to reflect the increased uncertainty around the economy.

The business plan had been endorsed by the TDA Board and the Council's support as the shareholder in TDA was being sought.

Councillor Long proposed and Councillor Law 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 only alternative option would be for the existing business plan to be left to run its course until 2021, however due to the impact of housing related activity this option is not viable.

**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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