

## **Record of Decisions**

### **Torbay Suicide Prevention - updates on action plan, audit and alliance**

#### **Decision Taker**

Cabinet on 20 April 2021.

#### **Decision**

- (i) that the Torbay Suicide and Self-harm Prevention Plan 2021-22 be approved as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report; and
- (ii) that the Cabinet supports the establishment of the Torbay Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Alliance.

#### **Reason for the Decision**

Suicide is a major public health issue: it is the leading cause of death in men under 50 years, young people and new mothers. Torbay's suicide rate has, in general, increased year on year since 2010 and now sits as one of the highest suicide rates amongst local authorities in England.

#### **Implementation**

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 4 May 2021 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### **Information**

Local Authorities were recommended to coordinate and implement work on suicide prevention under their local public health and health improvement responsibilities. The main thrust of this is through the development and delivery of a local multi-agency suicide prevention plan. The Torbay Suicide and Self-harm Prevention Plan has been endorsed by the Health and Wellbeing Board and demonstrates the multi-agency approach to tackling suicide in 2021-22.

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**

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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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet