

Minutes of the Cabinet

7 April 2021

-: Present :-

Councillor Steve Darling (Chairman)

Councillors Carter, Cowell, Long, Morey and Stockman

(Also in attendance: Councillors Barnby, Barrant, Brooks, Brown, Douglas-Dunbar, Kennedy, Barbara Lewis, Chris Lewis, Loxton, Mills, David Thomas and Jacqueline Thomas)

179. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Law.

180. Matters for Consideration

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

181. Exclusion of Press and Public

Councillor Steve Darling proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded the motion, which was agreed by the Cabinet unanimously, as set out below:

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting prior to consideration of the item 7 on the agenda 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.

Prior to consideration of the item in Minute 182, the press and public were formally excluded from the meeting.

182. Possible Purchase of Care Home, Paignton

Chairman

Record of Decisions

Potential Purchase of a Care Home in Paignton

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 07 April 2021.

Decision

That the decision in respect of the potential purchase of a care home in Paignton, as set out in the Exempt Cabinet Minute 182, be approved.

Reason for the Decision

The proposals enable the Council to take a well-planned, fiscally responsible interventionist approach to the adult social care market in Torbay. Doing so reduces the cost and supply risks inherent in a purely market-led approach, allowing the local system to meet current and future demand with excellent services alongside creation of new jobs, support of local service industries and improvements to Torbay's caring economy.

Implementation

The decision in respect of the potential purchase of a care home in Paignton will come into force immediately as the decision maker has decided that any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would prejudice the Council's interest. The Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator was consulted on 26 March 2021.

Information

The Cabinet considered the submitted exempt report on the potential purchase of a care home in Paignton which would facilitate the creation of 28 additional residential care beds with nursing capability for older people with complex care needs and dementia. The increasing demographic demand for such services are set out in Torbay Council's draft 2021/22 Market Position Statement and the draft Blueprint for Market Transformation in Torbay 2021 to 2031.

Councillor Stockman proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded a motion that was unanimously agreed by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report.

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