

Record of Decisions

LGA Remote Corporate Health Check Report and Action Plan

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 21 September 2021.

Decision

1. That the Local Government Association be thanked for undertaking the Remote Corporate Health Check and the resulting Remote Corporate Health Check Feedback Report (as set out at Appendix 1) be accepted;
2. That the LGA Remote Corporate Health Check Action Plan (as set out at Appendix 2) be approved; and
3. That the Audit Committee be requested to monitor the implementation of the action plan.

Reason for the Decision

The reasons for the decision are to make available the LGA's Remote Health Check Feedback Report and to ensure an action plan is in place to embrace the recommendations of the LGA.

Implementation

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

Information

The LGA provide councils with a variety of support through peer reviews. During the pandemic remote peer support was offered to councils to provide support and challenge to address COVID-19 related issues and broader challenges. This included the Remote Corporate Health-Check, which provided councils with a clear framework to consider key components that typically feature as part of a full corporate peer challenge covering, priority setting, place leadership, governance and capacity to deliver.

During May 2021, the LGA undertook a Remote Corporate Health-Check at the request of the Chief Executive. At the end of their review, the team provided feedback and made a number of recommendations, and a draft action plan had been prepared to respond to the LGA's recommendations to ensure the Council embraced the learning and feedback from the LGA's Corporate Health Check.

At the meeting 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

Not to accept the LGA Remote Corporate Health Check Feedback Report and resulting action plan – this was not recommended as implementation of the action plan would enable the

Council to continue to improve.

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