

Record of Decisions

Transfer of Public Health Functions to Torbay Council

Decision Taker

Mayor on 28 February 2013

Decision

Following Council's decision on the transfer of public health functions to Torbay Council, the Mayor:

- (i) accepted and acknowledged the responsibilities, staff, assets and liabilities transferring from April 2013 and noted, in accordance with national guidance, that:
 - (a) The Director of Public Health (DPH) was a statutory chief officer with direct accountability to the Chief Operating Officer and access to members.
 - (b) The DPH would be responsible for the statutory duties of the Council with regards to public health.
 - (c) Expenditure commitments for staff and contracts transferring to the Council, as set out in appendices to the submitted report.
 - (d) The DPH for Plymouth was the lead DPH for health protection in LRF area.
- (ii) delegated (in respect of the functions listed that are their respective responsibilities) to the Chief Operating Officer in consultation with the Mayor and group leaders the following matters:-
 - (e) Agreement on the Clinical governance to be provided to the Council by the Clinical Commissioning Group.
 - (f) The establishment of a Council Health Protection Forum.
 - (g) The finalisation and agreement of the Core Offer to the Clinical Commissioning Group.
 - (h) Any additional authorisation or agreement that may be needed prior to the next scheduled ordinary council meeting of the Council in respect of the public health transition.
- (iii) noted that the Council authorised the Monitoring Officer to make any necessary amendments to the Constitution following the transfer of Public Health responsibilities to the Local Authority.

Reason for the Decision

The decision is required as the formal acceptance of duties, assets and liabilities in relation to the new Public Health responsibilities.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 12 March 2013 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Council assumes new responsibilities for Public Health from April 2013. The report considered at the Council meeting on 28 February 2013 summarised the transfer arrangements from the NHS and recorded the staff, contracts and assets that the Council needed to formally accept.

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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