

## **Notice of Motion – Vision Rehabilitation Services**

### **Cabinets Response**

As alluded to in the Motion, local authorities, in England have a legal obligation under the Care Act 2014 to help people with sight loss develop practical skills and strategies to maintain independence, including:

- At least 6 weeks of free vision rehabilitation.
- Free community equipment, including minor adaptations to the home where this costs £1000 or less.

Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust undertakes these services on our behalf. Therefore, I propose that:

The Director of Adult and Community Services be requested to ask the Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust to undertake an evidence-based review of social care rehabilitation, including undertaking engagement with people with visual impairments, together with input from the Directors of Public Health and Children's Services.

The review to cover sight loss specific support such as visual impairment rehabilitation and the provision of community equipment and minor adaptations, with completion of the Review expected October 2024.

Proposer: Councillor Tranter

Secunder: Councillor Jackie Thomas