

Record of Decision

Healthy Torbay Supplementary Planning Document

Decision Taker

Mayor on 29 March 2017

Decision

That the Council be recommended:

- (i) that, following consideration of representations made on the Draft Healthy Torbay Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), subject to paragraph 4.1.1 be amended to read “New A5 facilities should not lead to an over-concentration of A5 uses within any one individual centre. In particular, A5 uses should not overly dominate the retail offer within district, local and neighbourhood shopping centres so that they encompass more than 10% of the retail frontage.”, the SPD be adopted, with minor modifications as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report; and
- (ii) that the Executive Head of Business Services and Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Executive Lead for Planning, Transport and Housing and the Executive Lead for Health and Wellbeing and Corporate Services be given delegated powers to make minor amendments to the Healthy Torbay Supplementary Planning Document to ensure legibility and clarity.

Reason for the Decision

There is a significant evidence base which strongly concludes that health and wellbeing is considerably influenced by environmental, social and economic factors (referred to as ‘the wider determinants of health’). The Policy will enable decisions taken through the planning system, which influence how our built and natural environment changes through development, to be influenced by the wider determinants of health.

Implementation

The recommendations will be considered at the Council meeting on 6 April 2017.

Information

The submitted report set out the final draft Healthy Torbay Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which had been produced in order to provide spatial planning guidance (for use in determining planning applications by the Local Planning Authority) on a number of matters relating to health and wellbeing in Torbay.

The Healthy Torbay SPD articulates the relationship between spatial planning and public health in Torbay, i.e. that public health outcomes are intrinsically linked to the built and natural environment. The SPD then adds further guidance relating to a number of over-arching policies which seek to promote health that are contained within the Torbay Local Plan.

At the meeting Andrew Gunther, Senior Planner and Public Health Officer circulated a revised officer recommendation proposing that paragraph 4.1.1 of the Healthy Torbay Supplementary Planning Document be amended in respect of guidance promoting healthy food environments,

as recommended by the cross-partnership Torbay Healthy Weights Steering Group. This was to provide clarity that new hot food takeaways within district, local and neighbourhood centres will be restricted where they would lead to more than 10% of the total existing retail frontage consisting of hot food takeaways.

The Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) made on 29 March 2017 and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report but were not discussed at the meeting.

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I028445

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: _____
Mayor of Torbay

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