

Record of Decision

Torbay's Strategy for Supporting Disadvantaged Strategy Children's Learning

Decision Taker

Elected Mayor on 04 March 2019

Decision

- (i) that the Torbay Strategy for Supporting Disadvantaged Children's Learning: Vision and Priorities 2018 to 2020, as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved;
- (ii) that the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Elected Mayor, Executive Member for Children's and key stakeholders, be authorised to make any final changes to the Strategy; and
- (iii) that the Cabinet receive regular updates on performance against the Torbay Strategy for Supporting Disadvantaged Children's Learning.

Reason for the Decision

This strategy sets out the context for our approaches to meet the needs of vulnerable learners and significantly close achievement gaps. We aim to ensure there is a high quality range of support, and opportunities, to enable vulnerable learners to become confident individuals, effective communicators, successful and responsive citizens, to remain healthy and to achieve the educational and life outcomes which they deserve.

The strategy also aims to ensure that the full range of services and partners work together more coherently with Early Years and Childcare providers, schools, other educational settings, Public Health, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to maximise the impact of available resources in further raising the attainment and improving the progress of the most vulnerable learners.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 19 March 2019 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The submitted report set out a strategy for supporting disadvantaged children's learning, which is a key element of the framework to deliver our vision for the children and young people in Torbay. Our ambition is to ensure that through greater collaboration, we can ensure children and young people are given the best start in life and can grow and prosper within safe families and communities that give them the best start for the future.

The following priority areas are underpinned by a comprehensive action plan that has been developed with our Local Area partners:

- PRIORITY ONE – Participation
- PRIORITY TWO – Ensuring the needs of vulnerable pupils are met
- PRIORITY THREE – Parental Influence and Involvement
- PRIORITY FOUR – Performance and monitoring

The Elected Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made on 4 March 2019 and his decision is set out above.

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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Signed: _____
The Elected Mayor of Torbay

Date: _____