



## **Minutes of the Cabinet**

**21 January 2020**

**-: Present :-**

Councillor Steve Darling (Chairman)

Councillors Long, Morey, Carter, Stockman, Law and Cowell

(Also in attendance: Councillors Barrand, Brooks, Doggett, Douglas-Dunbar, Foster, Chris Lewis, Mills and David Thomas)

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### **74. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 7 January 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **75. Communications**

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Councillor Law, informed Members that she had written to Kevin Foster MP, seeking clarification regarding Brexit plans to disregard a government pledge to protect child refugees in Europe seeking to reunite with family in the UK.

The Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Tourism and Housing, Councillor Long, advised Members that a consultation event on the Housing Strategy was being held at the Foyer on Monday, 27 January at 9 am. Councillor Long also advised that the first meeting of the Town Deal Board had been held.

The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture, Councillor Morey, provided an update on Ash Dieback highlighting that over the next two years between 1,000 to 2,000 trees on Council owned land would need to be removed. Work was ongoing with partners on the Devon Ash Dieback Resilience Forum to look into external funding streams to help plant new trees.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Steve Darling, referred to a meeting held with the Chief Executive and Leader of South Hams District Council discussing challenges and opportunities where the two authorities could work together. The Leader of the Council also raised the challenges Torbay faced with the new Chairman of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership, Karl Tucker.

**76. Matters for Consideration**

The Cabinet considered the following matter, full details of which (including the Cabinet's decisions) are set out in the Record of Decision appended to these Minutes.

**77. Great South West Prospectus Securing Our Future**

**78. Integrated Care System Governance in Devon**

This item has been deferred.

**79. Proposals for the Adult Social Care Precept**

This item has been withdrawn.

**80. New Investment Opportunities**

There were no new Investment Opportunities.

**81. New Economic Growth Fund Opportunities**

There were no new Economic Growth Fund Opportunities.

**82. Update on Existing Investments**

There was no update at this time.

## Record of Decisions

### Great South West Energising our Future

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 21 January 2020

#### Decision

That the Great South West Energising our Future prospectus be endorsed.

#### Reason for the Decision

The Great South West Energising our Future seeks Government recognition and support to help trigger a green and blue economic revolution for the Great South West that will deliver a secure, prosperous future for all our communities. The support of Government would enable the Great South West future to be one that is smart, connected, clean and the first to achieve a net zero carbon economy.

#### Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 3 February 2020 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### Information

The Great South West Energising our Future prospectus intends to increase the economy by up to £45 billion, create 190,000 new jobs across the region and unlock the Great South West's huge potential to be the UK's world leader in clean growth backed by the region's wealth of natural and research assets at sea and on land. In doing so, the Great South West can become the UK's smart, connected and clean dynamo with the Government's help.

#### 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet