



Minutes of the Cabinet

4 February 2020

-: Present :-

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

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

83. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Steve Darling. Councillor Cowell in the chair.

84. Matters for Consideration

The Cabinet considered the following matters, full details of which (including the Cabinet's decisions and recommendations to Council) are set out in the Record of Decisions appended to these Minutes.

85. Budget 2020/21

86. Crowdfunding Torbay

87. Refreshed Visual Identity

88. Budget Monitoring 2019/20 - Quarter Three

The Budget Monitoring 2019/20 – Quarter Three report was noted.

89. Integrated Care System Governance in Devon

90. Domestic Abuse Charter for Employees

91. Exclusion of Press and Public

Councillor Long proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded the motion, which was agreed by the Cabinet unanimously, as set out below:

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting prior to consideration of items 13 and 14 on the agenda on the grounds that exempt information (as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)) was likely to be disclosed.

Prior to consideration of the items in Minute 92 and 93, the press and public were formally excluded from the meeting.

92. New Investment Opportunities

93. Local Investment Opportunity

Chairman/woman

Record of Decisions

Revenue Budget and Capital Budget 2020/2021

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 04 February 2020

Decision

The Cabinet recommends to Council the following:

Revenue Budget 2020/21

- i) That the proposals identified for efficiencies, service change and income generation in 2020/21 be approved.
- ii) That the net revenue expenditure of £115.868m resulting in a Council Tax requirement of £72.328m for 2020/21 (a 3.99% increase in Council Tax, of which 2% is for Adult Social Care) be approved.
- iii) That the Dedicated Schools Grant be used in accordance with the Schools Financial Regulations and that the Chief Finance Officer be authorised to make amendments as required when the final figures are confirmed and this delegation is included in the next revision of the Council's constitution.
- iv) That the proposed Fees and Charges for 2020/21 be approved.
- v) That, in accordance with the requirement of the Local Government Act 2003, the advice given by the Chief Finance Officer with respect to the robustness of the budget estimates and the adequacy of the Council's reserves (as set out in the report) be noted.
- vi) That it be noted that the Brixham Town Council precept of £0.336m for 2020/21 will be included as part of the Torbay Council budget for Council Tax setting purposes.

Capital Plan 2020/21

- i) That the Capital Plan for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved.

Review of Reserves

- i) That, in support of the 2020/21 budget setting process, Council note the Council's reserves position.

Capital Strategy

- i) That the Capital Strategy 2020/21 be approved.

Reason for the Decision

The Council has a statutory obligation to set a budget each financial year and must take

account of all factors when setting the budget.

The Cabinet's response to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Board were set out in the submitted report.

Implementation

The recommendations of the Cabinet will be considered at the adjourned meeting of Council to be held on 13 February 2020.

Information

The Cabinet considered a report that outlined the draft revenue and capital budgets and implications of the draft service change, income generations and savings proposals. The proposals had been subject to detailed public consultation and examination by the Overview and Scrutiny Board (through its Priorities and Resources Review Panel).

The Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator outlined the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board which provided details of the review of the Cabinet's proposals for the Council's Revenue Budget for 2020/2021. The report had been compiled in light of the findings and conclusions reached by the Overview and Scrutiny Board. The Board had taken into account the views expressed by members of the public and stakeholder representatives.

The Cabinet also gave consideration to the reports on the Review of Reserves and draft Capital Strategy.

Councillor Cowell proposed and Councillor Law seconded a motion which was agreed by the Cabinet as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None.

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes

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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Deputy Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet

Record of Decisions

Crowdfunding Torbay

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 04 February 2020

Decision

That Crowdfunding Torbay be approved set out in the submitted report.

Reason for the Decision

The aim of this approach is to support local projects that make communities stronger, more connected and more empowered by supporting those projects that matter to them.

Some of the key benefits that have been observed from the adoption of the crowdfunding approach across Devon have been:

- That it stretches public sector funding further than would otherwise have been the case.
- Transparency and pace, public body match funding has been found to accelerate funding pledges from the crowd. Devon County Council have noted an exponential increase in pledges from supporters once the Council pledged money. Such that the typical project realises full funding two to four weeks from going live on the crowdfunding site.
- Added value such as non-financial contributions and awareness raising of the initiative or group.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 14 February unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

Crowdfunding is a way of raising money for an initiative or venture by getting contributions from a large and potentially diverse pool of people, who often contribute relatively small sums of money. This is primarily, but not exclusively, done online through social media and crowdfunding platforms. This provides greater reach than would otherwise be possible. While this model of fundraising has been commonly used for funding commercial projects and products, more recently it is being used by an increasing number of local authorities as a way of financing community initiatives.

An opportunity has arisen whereby Torbay Council has joined the remainder of a two year Devon Crowdfund pilot (until 30/04/2020) run by Devon County Council and Devon and Cornwall Constabulary. This affords Torbay Council the opportunity to pilot a crowdfunding approach in a cost-effective way. The Council would be able to benefit from the structural and foundation work of the crowdfunding site that is already established, and sharing the cost of the crowdfunding site.

Councillor Stockman proposed and Councillor Carter seconded a motion which was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report.

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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Record of Decisions

Refreshed Visual Identity

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 04 February 2020

Decision

That Torbay Council's refreshed visual identity be rolled out from 1 March 2020 with the aim of only updating physical infrastructure (e.g. signage, vehicle livery and uniforms) as it reaches its usual replacement schedule.

Reason for the Decision

The refreshed visual identity is being proposed in order that all of our visual communications are clear and straightforward. This will mean that the Council meets its accessibility requirements – both digitally and in print.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 14 February 2020 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

Torbay Council's 'brand' is made up of a number of elements including our objectives and our values. The Council's visual identity forms part of that brand. It is made up of our logo and the colours and fonts that we use as well as the icons, illustrations and photography which we choose.

The current logo is 21 years old and no longer fit for purpose in the digital age. A new visual identity is proposed which takes into consideration legibility, longevity and flexibility.

Councillor Carter proposed and Councillor Morey seconded a motion which was agreed by the Cabinet as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report.

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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Record of Decisions

Integrated Care System Governance in Devon

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 04 February 2020

Decision

- (i) that the proposal for the Integrated Care System Board to be established in 'shadow' form in March 2020 be approved;
- (ii) that the Memorandum of Understanding to secure 'system' working, be approved and signed subject to the Council's Monitoring Officer requesting appropriate alterations to ensure the Memorandum of Understanding concurs with the Council's Constitutional requirements; and
- (iii) that the system assurance framework as the means of ensuring effective governance of the Integrated Care System be approved.

Reason for the Decision

The NHS Long-Term Plan set the ambition that every part of the country should be an Integrated Care System by 2021. It requires all organisations in each health and care system to join forces, so they are better able to improve the health of their populations and offer well-coordinated efficient and sustainable services to those who need them. Integrated care happens when NHS organisations, Local Authorities and other key partners work together to meet the needs of their local population. The most ambitious forms of integrated care aim to improve population health by tackling the causes of illness and the wider determinants of health. The Memorandum of Understanding demonstrates a clear commitment to do this.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 14 February 2020 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Integrated Care System, Memorandum of Understanding, is an agreement between the Devon health and care partners. It sets out the details of the partner's commitment to work together in partnership to realise shared ambitions to improve the health of the people who live in our area, and to improve the quality of their health and care services.

Councillor Long proposed and Councillor Stockman seconded a motion which was agreed by the Cabinet as 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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Record of Decisions

Domestic Abuse Charter for Employees

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 04 February 2020

Decision

- (i) that the Domestic Abuse Charter and pledge set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved; and
- (ii) that all Councillors take an active role in supporting and promoting Domestic Abuse awareness across the Council's workforce.

Reason for the Decision

Torbay Council is an employer who cares about the impact of Domestic Abuse on its' employees. The introduction of the Charter will provide a strategic approach in supporting this commitment and an overarching framework of actions in which to demonstrate this.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 14 February 2020 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Domestic Abuse Charter for Employees supports the work that Torbay Council is doing in regard to the wellbeing of its workforce and raising awareness of Domestic Abuse.

Councillor Carter proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded a motion which was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report.

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)

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Record of Decisions

New Investment Opportunities 8/01/20

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 04 February 2020

Decision

That the Investment Opportunity 8/01/20, as set out in the Exempt Cabinet Minute 92, be approved.

(Note: the decisions in respect of Investment Opportunity 8/01/20 are restricted due to exempt information contained within the decisions.)

Reason for the Decision

To enable the Council to purchase a new investment from the Council's Investment and Regeneration Fund in order to generate additional revenue for the Council.

Implementation

The decision in respect of Investment Opportunity 8/01/20 will come into force immediately as the decision maker has decided that any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would prejudice the Council's interest. The Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator was consulted on 3 February 2020.

Information

The Cabinet considered the submitted Exempt Report on the proposed purchase of one investment on behalf of the Council in line with the Investment and Regeneration Strategy. The decision on this investment has been made, taking account of the current investment criteria and Minister of Housing Communities and Local Government Statutory guidance on Local Government Investments.

Councillor Cowell proposed and Councillor Long seconded a motion which was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet as 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?

No

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None.

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Record of Decisions

Local Investment Opportunity

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 04 February 2020

Decision

That the decision in respect of a local investment opportunity 9/01/20 as set out the Exempt Cabinet Minute 93, be approved.

Reason for the Decision

To enable the Council to utilise the Economic Growth Fund or the Investment and Regeneration Fund in order to support a local investment opportunity in Torbay.

Implementation

The decision in respect of Local Investment Opportunity 9/01/20 will come into force immediately as the decision maker has decided that any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would prejudice the Council's interest. The Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator was consulted on 4 February 2020.

Information

The Cabinet considered the submitted Exempt Report on a local investment opportunity. The Cabinet considered the proposal against the criteria of the Economic Growth Fund and the criteria of the Investment and Regeneration Fund.

Councillor Cowell proposed and Councillor Long seconded a motion which was agreed by the Cabinet as 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?

No

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None.

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