

## **Record of Decisions**

### **Co-operative Councils Innovation Network**

#### **Decision Taker**

Cabinet on 19 May 2020

#### **Decision**

That Torbay Council becomes a member of the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network.

#### **Reason for the Decision**

Joining the Network would provide further support to the Council as it works to become better engaged with its communities and moves towards its ambition of being an enabling Council.

#### **Implementation**

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 2 June 2020 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### **Information**

The Co-operative Council's Innovation Network is a collaboration between local authorities who are committed to finding better ways of working for, and with, their local community. It is a non-party-political active hub for co-operative policy development, innovation and advocacy which is action-focused and a vehicle for helping councils translate co-operative policy and principles into practice.

Working as part of the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network will provide the Council with additional support including an initial peer review to develop an action plan. Membership also includes attendance at their annual conference and within the member and officer networks which operate at both a national and regional level.

#### **Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision**

The Council is currently in the process of developing a Community Engagement and Empowerment Strategy and a range of workstreams are already underway within the Council which aim to improve community engagement, enablement and empowerment. All of this work is being drawn together through the 'Our Community' project within the Council Redesign Programme.

There are a number of tools available to the Council as we move towards our goal of being an enabling authority. Membership of the Network would be a further tool and would help to increase our capacity to move forward.

#### **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