

Co-operative Councils Innovation Network – Reasons for Call-in

- a) Torbay Council should not be joining a political 'club', if the administration wish to join this clearly 'left of centre' organization there are options for the partnership to join in their own right – but they should not be spending Torbay Council tax-payers money in such a venture.

- b) The Coronavirus crisis is currently costing the Council approx. £100k a day (ref: Press Release 8044 – 26th May 2020), this is not a time to look to increase the costs on the Council. The administration should be looking at innovate ideas to save money and put some of the structure in place that our residents and visitors will look for when the complete unlocking happens.

- c) This is very poor use of our limited resources. Ask any elected member if they would rather spend £5,500 on a project in their ward or join a political club for a year, so far the results have indicated elected members would rather spend this limited money on our illuminations, pot-holes, cleaning-up human mess because the toilets were not open on our seafront. I am confident that by the time this call-in is heard I will be able to provide a fuller response from canvassed members.

- d) This is a major change of direction for the Council and no consultation has taken place.

Proposer – Councillor David Thomas

Seconder – Councillor Chris Lewis