

Record of Decisions

Council Business Plan 2023 - 2027 - Refresh 2026

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 17 March 2026.

Decision

That the Council Business Plan 2023 – 2027 Refresh 2026 be approved.

Reason for the Decision

To ensure that direction is provided to the organisation on the priorities for the remainder of the administrative period.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 30 March 2026 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

Following the Local Elections in May 2023, the Community and Corporate Plan was agreed by the Council. This set out the priorities of the Council for the next twenty years and the approach the Council was taking in delivering against the vision.

In order to provide focus for delivery over the administration period, the Cabinet developed a Council Business Plan. This provided details of the specific actions being taken to deliver the priorities within the Community and Corporate Plan together with milestones and/or targets. The Council Business Plan was a living document, as such was reviewed and refreshed annually to take into account progress on delivery against the plan and make any changes required from factors arising since the last review.

At the meeting Councillor David Thomas proposed and Councillor Chris Lewis seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

There had been wide ranging discussions between members of the Cabinet and Directors about the priority actions that could be reasonably taken over the coming years to meet the ambitions of the Community and Corporate Plan. Those discussions included the milestones that needed to be set and the performance indicators that would be used to measure progress.

It was felt that the proposed Council Business Plan was achievable whilst seeking to secure continuous improvement as an organisation.

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I114696

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