

## **Minutes of the Cabinet**

**19 September 2023**

**-: Present :-**

Councillor David Thomas (Chairman)

Councillors Billings, Bye, Chris Lewis, Tranter and Tyerman

(Also in attendance: Councillors Brook, Steve Darling, Harvey, Barbara Lewis (virtual), Long, Maddison, Penny, Stevens (virtual), Jacqueline Thomas (virtual) and Twelves (virtual))

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### **22. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 15 August 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **23. Disclosure of Interests**

The Director of Pride in Place declared a personal interest in Item 7 Future Options for the Structure and Operation of Torbay Economic Development Company Limited as he is a Council appointed Director on the Board of the Torbay Economic Development Company Limited.

### **24. Communications**

The Leader of the Council welcomed Councillor Billings to the Cabinet, advising Members that Councillor Billings will be the portfolio holder for Pride in Place, Culture & Events and Parking

### **25. 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.

### **26. Future options for the structure and operation of Torbay Economic Development Company Limited**

### **27. Future options for the structure and operation of TorVista Homes**

### **28. Draft Community and Corporate Plan 2023-2043**

### **29. Adult Social Care Strategy**

30. **The Big Plan - Working together to make Torbay a better place to live for people with learning disabilities 2023-2028**
31. **Adult Social Care - Annual Local Account 2022/23**
32. **Trauma Informed Practice Reflective Learning Programme Contract Award**
33. **Contract Award to Purchase E5 M365 Licences**
34. **Budget Monitoring 2023/24 - April to June 2023 Revenue and Capital Outturn Forecast**
35. **Appointment of Member Champion for Culture**
36. **Notice of Motions**
  - 36.1 **Armed Forces Covenant and Military Compensation**
  - 36.2 **Prostate Cancer UK Campaign 'Boys need bins'**

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Chairman/woman

## Record of Decisions

### Future options for the structure and operation of Torbay Economic Development Company Limited

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 19 September 2023.

#### Decision

That the Cabinet recommends to Council that;

1. Torbay Economic Development Company be dissolved, with the Chief Executive overseeing the practical arrangements for the same;
2. In further of 1. above, the Chief Executive be given delegated authority to determine, in consultation with the Leader of the Council;
  - a. the transfer of subsidiary companies or component parts of the business that undertake substantial external trading activity into the Torbay Council Strategic Holding Company,
  - b. the most effective arrangements for the holding of assets currently held by Torbay Economic Development Company,
  - c. agreement of appropriate indemnities that may be required for non executive directors and Board appointments should this be necessary during the transitional period.

#### Reason for the Decision

The challenges which Torbay faces in making a step change in its economic performance mean it is an appropriate time to review TDA's objectives and consider what a future role might be.

#### Implementation

The recommendation of the Cabinet will be considered at the Council meeting on 20 September 2023.

#### Information

The TDA was established as a company in 2011. It was set up as a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of the local authority so that work could be commissioned to it in line with procurement regulations. The intention was to control the company through its sole membership, through a commissioning process, the appointment of Council directors to its board and through agreed reserved matters which reserve the decision for the Council rather than the company board. The essential activities of TDA were, and continue to be, for the Council. It was agreed the essential activities were complemented by trading activities which have delivered income in support of the Council's objectives since TDA has been operating.

There have been previous reviews of TDA's governance and purpose, most recently in 2021. This resulted in some improvements to governance of wholly owned companies which included, among other changes, the introduction of shareholder meetings. However, the need to deliver more for Torbay at a time of significant change in the regional and national economic development environment means that a review of the fundamental purpose of TDA was needed.

At the meeting Councillor Chris Lewis proposed and Councillor David Thomas 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**

The alternative options were set out in the submitted report and included the following:

- Do nothing;
- Revise TDA governance and service provision; and
- Bring services in house.

### **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.

### **Published**

20 September 2023

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Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet

## Record of Decisions

### Future options for the structure and operation of TorVista Homes

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 19 September 2023.

#### Decision

That, subject to the Council's approval of recommendations 6 and 7, the following be implemented:

1. TorVista be instructed to progress the current projects of St Kilda and Torre Marine, subject to viable business cases, as directed by the Director of Adult and Community Services;
2. TorVista be instructed to refrain from taking on any new development work, or projects, until further notice unless requested to do so, in writing, by the Council's Chief Executive or formal decision from Council;
3. TorVista be instructed to reduce operating costs from £370,000 per annum to a maximum of £223,700 per annum through removing all functions, and associated costs, other than those required to provide a landlord service for the current 32 Units within their ownership;
4. Torbay Council set up a 'Torbay Council Strategic Holding Company' and, subject to ensuring compliance with the Regulator of Social Housing, move the wholly owned company of TorVista from Torbay Economic Development Company to become a wholly owned sub company of the Council 'Strategic Holding Company' and the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services, be given delegated authority to establish all governance arrangements for the Strategic Holding Company;
5. That further work is undertaken by the Director of Finance with regards to the future management and operation of the 32 units currently owned by TorVista, (plus any subsequent units that might arise through either St Kilda and/or Torre Marine), to drive down operational costs which, subject to the compliance with the Regulator of Social Housing, might include:
  - (a) Transferring the residential assets to alternative Residential Providers and the land assets back to Torbay Council; and / or
  - (b) Integrating the TorVista landlord function with the management and maintenance of other Council owned assets such as temporary accommodation properties; and

The outcome of this work be reported to the Cabinet to enable it to make recommendations to the Council meeting on 7 December 2023, (as part of, and to inform, the budget setting process), on whether it wishes to continue to fund TorVista to develop, and deliver, specialist housing schemes which link directly to

the Council's Community and Corporate Plan and Housing Strategy priorities which could include:

- Extra Care Housing;
- Supported Living;
- Care leaver accommodation;
- Temporary Accommodation

Recommendations to Council:

That Cabinet recommends to Council:

6. The Director of Finance be instructed to write off the 'working capital' loan of £1.5m, accrued by TorVista as at September 2023, to be funded through a strategic review of Council Reserves;
7. that Council Minute 67(v) of 20 July 2017 be rescinded, thereby removing any approval of prudential borrowing to facilitate further schemes by TorVista; and
8. The Council approve revenue funding of £115,000 for maintaining TorVista operations for the six-month period from October 2023 to March 2024.

### **Reason for the Decision**

The future options for the structure and operation of TorVista Homes was aligned to the "Future Options on the structure and operations of Torbay Economic Development Company" which was intended to accelerate delivery. In the case of TorVista however, with the assets and liabilities of TorVista being underwritten by the Council, with an accrued loan debt of £1.5m and on-going operational costs of £370k per annum, the Council needed to determine whether:

(a) it could afford to maintain the existing structure and operational arrangements of TorVista within the context of the wider Council budget and

(b) whether the annual costs incurred by TorVista represent Value for Money from public sector funding when considering the outcomes delivered to date and those forecasted over future years.

### **Implementation**

The recommendation of the Cabinet will be considered at the Council meeting on 20 September 2023.

### **Information**

TorVista Homes was set up as a wholly owned company of Torbay Council, reporting into Torbay Economic Development Company in 2019. The initial objectives of the company, as reported in September 2016, was to 'develop and own homes with the overarching aim of maximising income back to the Council'.

A secondary objective was to help the Council deliver against its Housing Strategy. This was reaffirmed in a Full Council report in December 2018 which included the recommendation 'that in principle there appear to be clear benefits in merging the Housing Rental Company (RentCo) into the TDA, or a subsidiary of the TDA to enable relevant affordable housing schemes to be

delivered at pace’.

In July 2017, Council approved a loan facility of up to £25m to develop, and deliver, specific housing schemes subject to individual business cases to be submitted and approved by the Council’s Section 151 Officer (in consultation with Cabinet member). However, whilst planning permissions have been achieved at Preston Down Road, Crossways, Torre Marine, St Kildas, and Totnes Road for circa 300 homes, as at 31 August 2023, only business cases, and subsequent loans, amounting to £3.2m have been approved.

The Business model of TorVista was based on the premise of accumulating a critical mass of developments, and subsequent ownership of assets, that would cover the entire operational cost of running the company with the intention that, ultimately, TorVista would generate an on-going revenue surplus in line with the September 2016 report. However, the company currently owns, and manages, just 32 units.

When setting up TorVista, it was recognised that there would be a need to ‘pump prime’ the operational costs of the company whilst assets were being developed and accumulated. In July 2019 the Council approved that a loan of up to £1 million be approved to TDA, if required, to allow access to the necessary working capital required to set up the Housing Company with the terms of the loan delegated to the Chief Finance Officer to agree, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance. This was subsequently increased to £1.5m as approved in October 2022. It was intended that this working capital loan would be repaid to the Council, by TorVista, when the level of rental income received was sufficient enough to generate a surplus position. However, the full £1.5m has now been drawdown, and spent, by the company with on-going net costs, (accounting for existing rental income), of circa £370k per annum.

Whilst there is value in the assets held by TDA, without an achievable route through to a substantial critical mass, these costs will ultimately fall back on Torbay Council and will need to be accounted for within the Council’s budget and financial framework.

At the meeting Councillor Tyerman proposed and Councillor David Thomas 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**

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report and included the following:

- Cease trading;
- Maintain trading and continue to acquire new stock;
- Expand the remit / responsibilities of TorVista.

### **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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## Record of Decisions

### Community and Corporate Plan

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 19 September 2023.

#### Decision

1. That the draft Community and Corporate Plan be published for consultation.
2. That the Chief Executive be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to determine any further Policy Framework plans and strategies to be published for consultation to bring them in line with the draft Community and Corporate Plan.

#### Reason for the Decision

The Community and Corporate Plan is the overarching document within the Council's Policy Framework setting out the Council's vision and priorities for the next twenty years. The Cabinet was seeking feedback from the wider community in Torbay on the draft Plan and the outcomes the Council should be seeking to achieve.

#### Implementation

This decision will be implemented immediately.

#### Information

Following the Local Elections in May 2023, a draft Community and Corporate Plan had been prepared by the Cabinet which set out the vision of a healthy, happy and prosperous Torbay. The Plan had been prepared taking into account the results from the Residents Satisfaction Survey which was carried out during the summer of 2023.

As part of the Council's continuing commitment to engage with its communities (and in line with the Council's Constitution), the draft Plan would be subject to consultation. The Cabinet was seeking the views on whether the Plan sets out the right vision for Torbay in 2043 and whether the priorities identified would help the Council to achieve it.

At the meeting Councillor David Thomas proposed and Councillor Billings 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 were no alternative options considered.

#### 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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## Record of Decisions

### **"Thriving Communities Where People Can Prosper"- Our Strategy for Adult Social Care in Torbay**

#### **Decision Taker**

Cabinet on 19 September 2023.

#### **Decision**

That Cabinet recommends to Council:

1. That the list of Policy Framework documents set out in Torbay Council's Constitution be updated to include the Adult Social Care Strategy; and
2. Subject to 1. above, the Adult Social Care Strategy as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved.

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

To ensure that the Council has an Adult Social Care Strategy which sets out the best approach to meet the challenges it faces.

#### **Implementation**

The recommendation of the Cabinet will be considered at the Council meeting on 20 September 2023.

#### **Information**

The Adult Social Care Strategy sets out the vision for thriving communities where people can prosper.

The Strategy outlines how by working together improved adult social care services for residents in Torbay can be delivered. It builds upon the pioneering integrated journey for social care which started in 2005 and more recently focussed on developing an integrated care model that puts a strengths-based approach at its heart focussing on what matters most to people.

At the meeting Councillor Tranter proposed and Councillor Tyerman 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**

The alternative options are to amend to the strategy, or decide not to approve and therefore to not have a strategy in this respect. There was also an option to decide whether to include the strategy as a Policy Framework document. It was recommended to include it in order to recognise the importance of the strategy to the Council and its residents.

#### **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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## Record of Decisions

### **The Big Plan - Working together to make Torbay a better place to live for people with learning disabilities 2023-2028**

#### **Decision Taker**

Cabinet on 19 September 2023.

#### **Decision**

That subject to the approval of the overarching Adult Social Care Strategy by Council on 20 September 2023, 'The Big Plan – Working Together to make Torbay a better place to live for people with learning disabilities 2023-2028' be approved.

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

To ensure the rights and needs of people with a learning disability in Torbay are met.

#### **Implementation**

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 2 October 2023 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### **Information**

"The Big Plan- Working together to make Torbay a better place to live for people with learning disabilities 2023-2028". The strategic plan has been developed to support Torbay Council and local partners in delivering better outcomes and better lives for those residents in Torbay who have a learning disability.

The Big Plan is part of an overall improvement plan for adult social care across Torbay. The intended outcomes of the Big Plan were measurable positive impacts for people with a learning disability, including:

- More people with a learning disability in work, education and/or training.
- Improved quality of life.
- Greater representation of people with a learning disability in community groups and organisations.
- Improved access to information.
- More choice and control about care and support.
- Better quality housing and choice on where to live.
- Improved health outcomes meaning people with learning disabilities will feel well, happy and healthy.
- More people with learning disabilities feeling confident and safe at home and in the community.
- Improved quality of life and access to advice and information for carers, family and friends of people with a learning disability.

At the meeting Councillor Tranter proposed and Councillor Tyerman 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**

In determining the type, format and duration of the strategy, different options were considered about how to use this opportunity to:

- Provide a clear outline to the commissioners of services, providers of services and wider community about what people with a learning disability in Torbay want and need to live better, equal lives (the Vision and Goals).
- Drive measurable change that people can see, experience and know it is making a positive difference (The Actions, Activities and Outcomes).

Whilst there was an absolute priority need to improve systems, services and our community offer for those with a learning disability there was also a collective understanding and agreement that to fully achieve some of the goals outlined in the strategy could take some time.

### **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

### Adult Social Care - Annual Local Account 2022/23

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 19 September 2023.

#### Decision

That the Local Account set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved to enable the Local Account to be published in accordance with Government requirements.

#### Reason for the Decision

The Annual Local Account is a statutory reporting requirement that reflects how Adult Social Care, delegated to Torbay and South Devon Foundation Trust, has performed against national and local performance indicators.

#### Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 2 October 2023 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### Information

The Local Account for Adult Social Care sets out what has been achieved for local people in relation to adult social care by outlining the level of performance for the last financial year and the Council's commitment to future service delivery.

At the meeting Councillor Tranter proposed and Councillor Billings 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

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

### Trauma Informed Practice Reflective Learning Programme Contract Award

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 19 September 2023.

#### Decision

That the contract for the Trauma Informed Reflective Practice Learning Programme on the basis of a maximum total duration of 3 years be awarded to the preferred bidder as set out in exempt Appendix 1 to the submitted report.

#### Reason for the Decision

To award a contract to the preferred bidder following a tender exercise and evaluation of bids by a panel of evaluators from the organisations funding the programme.

#### Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 2 October 2023 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### Information

Approval was sought to award a contract for purchasing a Reflective Learning Programme on Trauma Informed Practice on behalf of several teams within the Council, as well as for partner organisations, whose staff will all be participants in the programme.

The learning programme was intended to build upon a trauma-informed practice reflective learning programme which has been delivered via external grant funding since 2021. The programme enabled front facing staff to develop and embed a trauma-informed approach to individuals seeking support. Whilst also providing new possibilities for understanding how best to engage people with multiple and complex vulnerabilities who were essentially excluded from services; by seeking to understand what had happened to them and how their experiences had shaped their behaviours and responses.

At the meeting Councillor Tranter proposed and Councillor David Thomas 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

None.

#### Is this a Key Decision?

No

#### Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

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None.

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## Record of Decisions

### Contract Award to Purchase E5 M365 Licences

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 19 September 2023.

#### Decision

That a 3-year contract be awarded to the preferred supplier as set out in Exempt Appendix 2 to the submitted report.

#### Reason for the Decision

If the Council does not purchase the E5 licences from one of the 7 resellers offering the Government Enterprise Agreement, the Council will not receive the annual discounts of 45%, 39% and 32% respectively for the 3-year contract period. Awarding the contract to the preferred supplier also enables the Council to take advantage of the additional benefits offered. Owing to Microsoft's lead time to process the order, the order needs to be raised before the end of November 2023.

#### Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 2 October 2023 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### Information

The current contract for E3 M365 licences ends on 31 December 2023. As well as E3 licences, we have licences for a number of other Microsoft products, including Power BI Pro, E5 Security, Project, Visio and PowerApps. The purchase of E5 M365, will cover licences for E5 M365 and the other MS products, apart from Power BI Pro and E5 Security, which form part of E5.

At the meeting Councillor Tyerman 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

An alternative option was not to award to the preferred supplier. The main disadvantage with this option was that if the Council does not purchase the E5 licences from one of the 6 other Microsoft resellers offering the Government Enterprise Agreement, the costs will be significantly higher. The Council will also be at risk of not being able to raise the order by the end of November. Although not so critical, the Council would also lose the additional benefits that the preferred supplier can provide us with.

#### 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

### Budget Monitoring 2023/24 - April to June 2023 Revenue and Capital Outturn Forecast

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 19 September 2023.

#### Decision

That the Cabinet notes the forecasted revenue outturn position and recommends that Council approves:

1. The underwriting arrangements for Combe Pafford School as detailed in paragraphs 4.17-19 of the submitted report; and
2. The addition of the following projects (as set out in paragraphs 8.4 of the submitted report) to the current capital programme:
  - Refurbishment of the changing rooms at Armada Park sports facilities at Torquay.
  - Scaling up the delivery of local charge points for electric vehicles.
  - Shiphay Lane Active Travel works.
  - Renovation of tennis courts at St Marys, Oldway and Abbey Park.

#### Reason for the Decision

To ensure the Council operates in a prudent manner and works to maintain a balanced budget.

#### Implementation

The recommendation of the Cabinet will be considered at the Council meeting on 20 September 2023.

#### Information

The Budget Monitoring 2023/24 report set out a high-level budget summary of the Council's revenue and capital position for the financial year 2023/24, comparing budgets with year-end forecasts.

At the meeting, Councillor Tyerman proposed and Councillor Billings 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 were no alternative options considered.

#### 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

### Appointment of Member Champion for Culture

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 19 September 2023.

#### Decision

That Councillor Maddison be appointed the Member Champion for Culture until May 2027.

#### Reason for the Decision

To enable a Member Champion for Culture to be appointed for the current four year term of office.

#### Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 2 October 2023 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### Information

Member champions are elected members who act as an advocate or spokesperson for a specific area of the Council's business. The main responsibility of each member champion is to encourage communication and positive action over the issue they represent.

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

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

### Notice of Motion - Armed Forces Covenant and Military Compensation

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 19 September 2023.

#### Decision

That the Director of Finance update the relevant policy documents (as they are rewritten) to take account of our current working practice.

#### Reason for the Decision

To respond to the Motion in respect of the armed forces covenant and military compensation.

#### Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 2 October 2023 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### Information

The Cabinet considered a motion in relation to the armed forces covenant and military compensation notice of which was given in accordance with Standing Order A14.

The Cabinet provided the following response:

The Cabinet support all serving and ex-serving personnel and especially all those that made the ultimate sacrifice.

Within Torbay we have a cenotaph in each of the bay's three towns Torquay, Paignton and Brixham. In addition, War Memorials online informs us that Brixham has at least 12 memorials, Paignton features 12 memorials and Torquay has a further 47 memorials. These additional memorials are in multiple forms, anything from Limestone and granite tributes, framed brass tablets, church clocks, benches, crosses and includes many plaques.

On 22nd March 2023, Torbay reconfirmed its support to the Armed Forces with a ceremony held at the Commando Training Centre in Lypstone to signify our continued commitment of the Armed Forces Covenant. The covenant includes the commitment that the Armed Forces community should not face disadvantage in the provision of services and access to benefit support.

The Council acknowledge the 'Credit their service' campaign and confirm we do not discriminate against veterans, and we disregard all military payments including the War Pension Scheme, Veterans Occupational Armed Forces Pension Scheme, Service Invaliding Pension, Service Attributable Pensions and any supplementary military payments. Indeed we do proactively ask residents to inform us if they are in receipt of any of these and in some cases it may actually increase the level of benefit support provided. Whilst this is our standard working practise, we do recognise that this process and current practice is not consistently written into our policy documents.

In light of the above, Councillor Tranter proposed and Councillor Tyerman seconded a motion

that was agreed unanimously, 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

### Notice of Motion - Prostate Cancer UK Campaign 'Boys need bins'

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 19 September 2023.

#### Decision

To take no further action in light of the existing service provision for bins in toilets.

#### Reason for the Decision

To respond to the Motion in respect of the Prostate Cancer UK Campaign 'Boys need bins'.

#### Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 2 October 2023 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### Information

The Cabinet considered a motion in relation to the armed forces covenant and military compensation notice of which was given in accordance with Standing Order A14.

The Cabinet provided the following response:

The Cabinet notes that Torbay Council provides 23 public toilet blocks across the bay, many of those are disabled toilets and have bins in them. These public toilets can be used by anyone with any kind of disability including hidden disabilities. We understand how vital it is that we have these toilets as the latest data tells us there are 1368 men living with and beyond prostate cancer in Torbay. It is in fact the second most common cancer after breast cancer. We should remember that incontinence affects males and females, younger and older. The Healthmatic App contains the details and locations for the public toilet facilities in Torbay.

In light of the above, Councillor Tranter proposed and Councillor Tyerman seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously, 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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