

Minutes of the Cabinet

9 June 2025

-: Present :-

Councillor David Thomas (Chairman)

Councillors Billings, Bye, Chris Lewis, Jacqueline Thomas, Tranter and Tyerman

(Also in attendance: Councillors Bryant (virtual), Cowell, Law (virtual), Barbara Lewis (virtual) and Twelves (virtual))

129. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 13 May 2025 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

130. Disclosure of Interests

No interests were declared.

131. 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.

132. Community Grant Fund 2025/2026

133. Budget Monitoring 2024/2025 Quarter 4 Outturn

Chairman/woman

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Record of Decisions

Community Grant Fund Policy 2025/2026

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 09 June 2025.

Decision

That the Community Grant Fund Policy 2025/2026 set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved and opened to applications in accordance with the policy, subject to Paragraph 3.1 being amended to read 'the fund is primarily designed to provide support for organisations providing projects of a capital nature but up to 25% of the total grant funding available may be allocated to applications for projects requiring revenue funding. Revenue funding applications will need to demonstrate lasting benefit to residents living in the communities they are designed to support.'

Reason for the Decision

To provide further funding to the voluntary and community sector organisations in support of the Council's long-term objectives for the Bay.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 23 June 2025 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

Torbay Council is introducing a Community Grant Fund for 2025 to further support the voluntary and community sector organisations because the Council believed that a vibrant Third Sector was vital to the community.

The Council was committed to supporting organisations that delivered projects which had a beneficial impact on the local community and supported one or more of the Council's strategic themes from the Torbay Community and Corporate Plan. This grant fund aimed to further enable work in Torbay's deprived areas outside of Torquay, which was benefiting from other significant place-based funding.

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

This fund was considered in the approval of the budget for 2025/2026. The option to not spend this allocation has been discounted as it does not meet the aims and objectives.

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 - Revenue and Capital Outturn 2024/25

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 09 June 2025.

Decision

That the Cabinet recommends to Council:

- a. that Council notes the revenue outturn position and approves the use of £0.351m year-end surplus to be transferred into a specific reserve to be allocated across the following indicative priority initiatives:
 1. updated condition surveys of Community Centres circa £10,000;
 2. better Resident Communications circa £50,000;
 3. accelerate Adult Social Care Customer Management System – Paris replacement circa £50,000;
 4. support voluntary, community and social enterprise youth provision transitional arrangements (pending procurement) circa £50,000;
 5. events – ice skating rink circa £40,000;
 6. Operation Brighter Bay circa £81,000;
 7. Operation Town Centre – improving CCTV circa £40,000; and
 8. Enterprise Fund (Town Centre) £30,000; and
- b. that Council approves the revisions to the Capital Investment Plan, as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report.

Reason for the Decision

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

To respond to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Board regarding the allocation of funding for condition surveys for Community Centres.

Implementation

The Cabinet's recommendations will be considered at the Council meeting on 24 July 2025.

Information

The Budget Monitoring 2024/25 report set out a high-level budget summary of the Council's revenue and capital position based on the final outturn figures for the year ending 31 March 2025.

The Council had delivered an end-of-year surplus of £0.351m on the revenue budget. This was an improved position on the forecast at Quarter 3, which projected a breakeven position.

The Overview and Scrutiny Board considered the Budget Monitoring 2024/25 report on 4 June 2025 and made recommendations to Cabinet. At the Cabinet meeting, Councillor Tyerman proposed and Councillor David Thomas seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously, as

set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Various options for the allocation of the year-end surplus were discussed at the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 4 June 2025, with the Cabinet taking on board their recommendation.

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)

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