

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

A meeting of **Overview and Scrutiny Board** will be held on

Wednesday, 21 May 2014

commencing at **5.30 pm**

The meeting will be held in the Meadfoot Room, Town Hall, Castle Circus,
Torquay, TQ1 3DR

Members of the Board

Councillor Thomas (J) (Chairman)

Councillor Bent
Councillor Darling (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Pentney
Councillor Stockman

Councillor Hytche
Councillor Davies
Councillor McPhail
Councillor Kingscote

Co-opted Members of the Board

Penny Burnside, Diocese of Exeter

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD AGENDA

1. **Election of Chairman**

To elect a Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year.

2. **Apologies**

To receive apologies for absence, including notifications of any changes to the membership of the Committee.

3. **Appointment of Vice-chairman**

To consider appointing a Vice-chairman of the Board for the coming Municipal Year.

4. **Minutes**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings of the Board held on 9 April 2014.

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5. **Declarations of Interest**

- a) To receive declarations of non pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda

For reference: Having declared their non pecuniary interest members may remain in the meeting and speak and, vote on the matter in question. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

- b) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda

For reference: Where a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest he/she must leave the meeting during consideration of the item. However, the Member may remain in the meeting to make representations, answer questions or give evidence if the public have a right to do so, but having done so the Member must then immediately leave the meeting, may not vote and must not improperly seek to influence the outcome of the matter. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

(Please Note: If Members and Officers wish to seek advice on any potential interests they may have, they should contact Governance Support or Legal Services prior to the meeting.)

6. **Urgent Items**

To consider any other items that the Chairman decides are urgent.

7. **Appointment of the Health Scrutiny Board**

To consider appointing a Health Scrutiny Board as a sub-committee of the Overview and Scrutiny Board with the terms of reference and membership as attached.

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8. Welfare Reform

(To Follow)

To consider the attached summary of the current figures in relation to the impact of welfare reform in Torbay and to agree further Key Lines of Enquiry for further review.



Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

9 April 2014

-: Present :-

Councillor Thomas (J) (Chairman)

Councillors Barnby, Bent, Darling (Vice-Chair), Davies, Doggett, Hytche, McPhail and Pentney

(Also in attendance: Councillors Cowell and Pritchard)

53. Apologies

It was reported that, in accordance with the wishes of the Conservative and Non-Coalition Groups, the membership of the Board had been amended to include Councillors Barnby and Davies in place of Councillors Kingscote and Stockman, respectively.

54. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 19 February 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

55. Torbay's Schools Improving Schools Partnership

The Head of Schools attended the meeting of the Board and presented her report on the Torbay Schools Improving Schools Partnership. The report provided an overview of the way in which the education services within the Local Authority have developed over the past 12 months. The report also provided information about the standards achieved by children and young people within Torbay against nationally agreed milestones. Further, the report gave details of the pending changes in relation to special education needs and how the authority was planning to address them.

Board members asked a number of questions on issues such as the inspection regime once schools converted to academies, home education and the appointment of headteachers and governors.

Resolved: that the report be welcomed but that future reports include more indicators which show future challenges (such as numbers of exclusions, numbers of school appeals, numbers of children being home educated) facing the local authority in relation to education and schools.

56. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report

Resolved: that the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2013/2014 be adopted and forwarded to the Adjourned Annual Meeting of the Council for consideration.

57. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme

The Board considered a report which set out the proposed Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2014/2015.

Resolved: (i) that the outline Work Programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Board (including the Health Scrutiny Board), as set out in Appendix 1 to the Report, be agreed;

(ii) that the Priorities and Resources Review Panel be appointed (comprising the members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board) and meet throughout the year to (a) review and monitor the revenue and capital budgets for the current year, and (b) review and challenge the emerging proposals for delivering the Council's priorities for the 2015/2016 financial year (in accordance with the draft Project Plan – Timetable set out in Appendix 2 to the report); and

(iii) that a Working Group comprising the Health Scrutiny Lead plus one member from each of the other Political Groups on the Council be appointed to consider the Quality Accounts of each of the local NHS Trusts and the Local Account in relation to Adult Social Care and that the Overview and Scrutiny Lead Officer be authorised to submit (following consultation with the Working Group) any commentary for inclusion in those documents.

Chairman

Agenda Item 7

<p>Health Scrutiny Board:</p> <p>Terms of Reference:</p> <p>To consider all matters and issues arising from the Council's power of scrutinising local health services in accordance with the Health and Social Care Act 2001, the National Health Service Act 2006 and Health and Social Care Act 2012.</p>	<p>8 members of the Council (politically balanced)</p> <p>Conservative (5)</p> <p>Liberal Democrat (2)</p> <p>Non Coalition (1)</p>	<p>Councillors Bent, Hytche, Hernandez, McPhail and Thomas (J)</p> <p>Councillors Doggett and Faulkner (A)</p> <p>Councillor Davies</p>
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