

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

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

**Tuesday, 24 February 2015**

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 Davies  
Councillor Kingscote  
Councillor Tyerman  
Councillor Hernandez

### **Co-opted Members of the Board**

Penny Burnside, Diocese of Exeter

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# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD AGENDA

## 1. Apologies

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

## 2. 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.)

## 3. Urgent Items

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

## 4. Torbay Sports Facility and Playing Pitch Strategies

(Pages 1 - 2)

The above decision was called-in by Councillors Darling, Cowell, Pountney, Pentney and Morey on 13 February 2015.

The reasons for the call-in are:

The Torbay Sports Facility and Playing Pitch Strategies is an important document for all residents of Torbay and in the opinion of the undersigned it has been given insufficient debating time to be fully considered by members.

In addition, a number of concerns have been raised by the general public, whose views have not been fully heard.

The following are the major areas of concern:

- The strategy seems more like an audit plan than a plan for sport in the future of Torbay

- There's no sense of direction
- There's no route map, timescales or even expectations
- It needs to be a working document, not a confusing 200+ page catalogue
- It does not fully address the issues about how sport will be delivered in the Bay over the next 10 years
- Important areas have been left out and then added back all adding to the confusion
- There's a complete lack of clarity
- An Executive Summary is required

### **Supporting Document**

#### Record of Decision

Members are asked to bring to the meeting their copy of the report that was considered by the Mayor (which was included in the agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 5 February 2015). Please contact Kate Spencer if you require an additional copy. Spare copies will be available at the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

## Record of Decisions

### Torbay Sports Facility and Playing Pitch Strategies (Mayoral Decision)

#### Decision Taker

Mayor on 05 February 2015

#### Decision

- (i) that, subject to the Torbay Playing Pitch Action Plan being amended to read 'Browns Bridge will remain a potential site for Sports provision as stated in the Local Plan. A feasibility study will be carried out to ascertain what future sports and pitches are possible on this site when funds are available.' the Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Strategies set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to the submitted report be approved; and
- (ii) that the Executive Head of Residents and Visitor Services, in consultation with the Executive Lead for Safer Communities, Highways, Environment and Sport be delegated authority to engage with clubs, organisations and agencies across the sports sector and develop funding options for the implementation of the aims and objectives on a regular basis.

#### Reason for the Decision

To provide updated Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Strategies which sets out an overall vision for sport in Torbay and gives a clear sense of direction with planned and prioritised actions based upon established need and informed by analysis of appropriate data and evidence.

#### Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on Wednesday, 18 February 2015 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### Information

The submitted report sets out the Torbay Sports Facilities and Playing Pitch Strategies which have been developed with support from Sport England which set out the strategic direction and site specific priorities for the future delivery of sport facilities across Torbay until 2021. A revised Officer recommendation was circulated at the meeting.

The Mayor considered the recommendations of the Council made on 5 February 2015 and his decision is set out above.

#### Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options are set out in the submitted report.

#### Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I017749

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

Yes

**Declarations of interest** (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

Councillor Parrott declared a non-pecuniary interest as his business as an interest in Torquay United.

Councillor Pountney declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Torbay Sports Council and Chairman of Torquay United Football in the Community Trust.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor of Torbay

Date: 10 February 2015