

Record of Decisions

The Planning White Paper: Planning for the Future. Draft Consultation Responses

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 20 October 2020.

Decision

That Torbay Council's draft consultation response to the Planning White Paper 'Planning for the Future', as set out at Appendix 1, be approved, with the Assistant Director of Planning, Housing and Climate Emergency being given delegated authority to make final changes in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture.

Reason for the Decision

By responding to the Planning White Paper the Council seeks to influence Government in its shaping of a new planning system thereby ensuring that the views of Torbay's residents are heard and their interests are taken into account.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 20 October 2020. The Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator was consulted and agreed that the decision was urgent and it would not be in the Council or the public's interest for call-in to apply.

Information

The Planning for the Future White Paper proposes a major overhaul of the English planning system and requiring a new Town and Country Planning Act. The Government has released the white paper and commenced consultation on the changes. The deadline for the submission of responses to the consultation is Thursday 29 October 2020.

The Cabinet considered a report that set out the draft response from Torbay Council following presentation and discussion with Members and representatives of the Neighbourhood Forums.

Councillor Morey proposed and Councillor Long seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously, 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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Signed: _____ Date: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet