

## **Minutes of the Cabinet**

**22 February 2022**

**-: Present :-**

Councillor Steve Darling (Chairman)

Councillors Carter, Cowell, Law, Long, Morey and Stockman

(Also in attendance: Councillors Amil, Bye, David Thomas and Douglas-Dunbar)

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### **308. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 11 January and 18 January 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **309. Communications**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Darling welcomed Jane Inett, Head of the Virtual School. Ms Inett presented the Annual Report (2020-21) of the Virtual School Governing Body drawing particular attention to attainment, attendance, exclusions and the recently introduced extended duty of the Virtual School to monitor educational progress of children on Children in Need and Child Protection Plans. The Leader of the Council thanked Ms Inett and her team for the dedication and effort they display in ensuring our Cared for Children and Young People are supported to reach their full potential.

### **310. 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.

### **311. Revenue and Capital Budget 2022/2023**

### **312. Torbay Council Strategic Asset Management Plan**

### **313. Torbay Council Annual Pay Policy Statement including Gender Pay Gap Report and Review of Pensions Discretions**

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Chairman

## Record of Decisions

### Revenue and Capital Budget 2022/2023

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 22 February 2022.

#### Decision

The Cabinet recommends to Council the following:

#### Revenue Budget 2022/23:

- 1) That for 2022/23 net revenue expenditure of £120.8m resulting in a Council Tax requirement of £78.1m for 2022/23 (a 2.99% increase in Council Tax, of which 1% is for Adult Social Care) be approved;
- 2) That the proposed Fees and Charges for 2022/23 be approved;
- 3) That, in accordance with the requirement of the Local Government Act 2003, the advice given by the Chief Finance Officer with respect to the robustness of the budget estimates and the adequacy of the Council's reserves (as set out in the report) be noted;
- 4) That it be noted that the Brixham Town Council precept for 2022/23 of £379,600 will be included as part of the Torbay Council budget for Council Tax setting purposes;
- 5) That to ensure the continuation of the integrated health and adult social care arrangements with the CCG and the ICO for a further two financial years, after the end of the current agreement in March 2023, that Council allocate funding of £55.4m for 2023/24 and £56.5m for 2024/25.

#### Capital Plan 2022/2023:

- 1) That the Capital Plan for 2022/23 as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved.

#### Capital Strategy 2022/2023:

- 1) That the Capital Strategy 2022/23 be approved.

#### Review of Reserves 2022/2023:

- 1) That, in support of the 2022/23 budget setting process, Council notes the Council's reserves position.

#### Reason for the Decision

The Council has a statutory obligation to set a budget each financial year and must take account of all factors when setting the budget. The Cabinet's response to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Board were set out in the submitted report.

## **Implementation**

The recommendations of the Cabinet will be considered at the meeting of Council being held on 3 March 2022.

## **Information**

The Cabinet considered a report that outlined the draft revenue and capital budgets and implications of the draft proposals for service change, income generation and efficiencies. The proposals had been subject to detailed public consultation and examination by the Overview and Scrutiny Board (through its Priorities and Resources Review Panel).

The Cabinet thanked the Overview and Scrutiny Board for their comprehensive review of the Cabinet's proposals for the Council's Revenue Budget for 2022/2023. The report had been compiled in light of the findings and conclusions reached by the Overview and Scrutiny Board. The Board had taken into account the views expressed by members of the public and stakeholder representatives.

The Cabinet also gave consideration to the reports on the Review of Reserves and draft Capital Strategy.

Councillor Cowell proposed and Councillor Steve Darling seconded a motion which was agreed by the Cabinet as set out above.

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

None.

## **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**

23 February 2022

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Record of Decisions

### Strategic Asset Management Plan

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 22 February 2022.

#### Decision

- 1) That Council be recommended to approve the draft Asset Management Strategy 2022 – 2027 set out at Appendix 2 to the submitted report.
- 2) That the Council be recommended to request the Monitoring Officer to update the Council Constitution to reflect the Corporate Asset Management Strategy 2022 – 2027 is reviewed and approved by Full Council every 5 years.
- 3) That subject to Council approving 1) above the Cabinet approves the draft Asset Management Policy 2022 – 2027 as set out at Appendix 3 to the submitted report.
- 4) That the Asset Management Operational Delivery Plan be prepared and delegated to the Director of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Tourism and Housing, for approval.

#### Reason for the Decision

Torbay Council's Strategic Asset Management Plan will define the principles, criteria and processes through which decisions will be made regarding the use of Council assets.

#### Implementation

The recommendations of the Cabinet will be considered at the Council meeting on 3 March 2022.

#### Information

The Strategic Asset Management Plan 2022 ~ 2027 sets out the Council's approach to the strategic management of its assets, how it will support service delivery, provide the Council with income and how it will fulfil its mission to support, enable and empower its residents, our communities, and our partnerships, promote growth and place shaping within Torbay; and deliver the Torbay Community and Corporate Plan 2019 ~ 2023 One Torbay: Working for all.

The draft Strategic Asset Management Plan had been subject to public consultation and considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

At the meeting Councillor Long proposed and Councillor Morey 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?**

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

### Annual Pay Policy including Gender Pay Gap Report

#### Decision Taker

Cabinet on 22 February 2022.

#### Decision

That Council be recommended to approve:

- 1) the Torbay Council Annual Pay Policy Statement 2022/23 as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved for publication;
- 2) the Torbay Council Gender Pay Gap Report, contained within the Annual Pay Policy Statement 2022/23 in Appendix 1 be approved for publication; and
- 3) the Employers Pensions Discretions set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report be approved for publication.

#### Reason for the Decision

To meet the statutory requirements to review these reports and policies.

#### Implementation

The recommendations of the Cabinet will be considered at the Council meeting on 3 March 2022.

#### Information

The submitted report set out the Council's Annual Pay Policy Statement, as required under Section 38 (1) of the Localism Act 2011. It was noted that the pay policy statement drew together the Council's overarching policies on pay and conditions and would be published on the Council's Website. The report also set out the annual review of pensions discretions as required by the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations. In addition, the report set out details of the Council's gender pay gap data as required by the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017.

At the meeting Councillor Carter proposed and Councillor Cowell 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?

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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