

Record of Decisions

Adults Social Care Governance Changes and appointment of Adults Continuous Improvement Board

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 24 May 2022.

Decision

1. That the current Adults Improvement Board be revised and replaced with a newly appointed Adults Continuous Improvement Board, with an independent Chair, to provide the principal mechanism by which Torbay Council oversees the delivery of Adult Social Care, jointly with Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust. The Head of Governance Support be delegated authority to prepare the terms of reference and membership for the revised Board in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Adult Social Care and Director of Adult Social Services.
2. That the overall governance structure for Adult Social Care (as set out at Appendix 1 and 2), including relationship with the newly appointed Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Sub Board, be noted.

Reason for the Decision

To ensure the Council has sound governance and oversight in place to assure itself, and the people of Torbay that Adult Social Care (ASC) is delivering what it should, and that the voice of the lived experience of the people and communities of Torbay is informing and shaping everything the Council does.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 8 June 2022 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

Torbay Council is, and will remain, accountable for its statutory adult social care functions (ASC). Through a partnership arrangement, the Council has delegated responsibility for the delivery for much of those functions to Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust (TSDFT).

The proposed governance arrangements, set out how the Council can assure itself that the functions it has delegated are being delivered to a good standard. The governance arrangements also ensure that the strategic direction it is setting for adult social care is being implemented in practice and that the desired outcomes for the public are being secured. Including the duties set out in the recent White Paper, 'People at the Heart of Care'.

At the meeting Councillor Long 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

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report.

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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Signed: _____ Date: _____
Deputy Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet