

## **Record of Decisions**

### **Award of Licence for Observation Wheel**

#### **Decision Taker**

Cabinet on 10 January 2023.

#### **Decision**

That the licence to occupy the site, edged red on the site plan as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be awarded to the preferred bidder as set out in exempt appendix 2 to the submitted report.

#### **Reason for the Decision**

The implementation of an observation wheel will support the implementation of the Events Strategy and Destination Management Plan.

#### **Implementation**

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 23 January 2023 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### **Information**

The Observation Wheel, hosted annually in Torquay, comes to the end of its current licence in October 2023. The opportunity had therefore been re-procured through a tender process for the 2024 season for 5 years with the option to extend for up to a further 3 years in 12 month increments and approval was sought to award the licence to the preferred bidder.

At the meeting Councillor Cowell proposed and Councillor Long 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**

An alternative option would have been to not re-procure an Observation Wheel at the end of the current contract. However it was a popular attraction for visitors and residents and generated income for Torbay Council and contributes to the upkeep of heritage assets in Princess Gardens therefore this option was discounted.

#### **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