

## **Record of Decisions**

### **Notice of Motion - Save Our Seabirds**

#### **Decision Taker**

Mayor on 15 May 2013

#### **Decision**

That the motion be supported.

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

To respond to the motion.

#### **Implementation**

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on Wednesday, 29 May 2013 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### **Information**

At the Adjourned Annual Council meeting held on 15 May 2013, members received a motion, as set out below, notice of which had been given in accordance with Standing Order A14 by Councillors Darling and Doggett:

Torbay Council notes that over 400 birds have been rescued during two separate pollution incidents in the past two months on the south coast of the UK, and that over 2000 more have died.

This Council further notes that the birds (including Guillemots, razorbills and puffins) have been found covered in polyisobutylene (PIB), a synthetic clear lubricating oil. This substance clings to the feathers of seabirds, preventing them from flying and destroying the waterproofing of their plumage. According to the Devon Wildlife Trust, it is legal for this substance to be deposited in the sea just 12 miles off shore.

Torbay Council calls on Richard Benyon MP, the Minister for the Environment, the Members of Parliament for Torbay and the Members of the European Parliament in the South West Region to bring about changes in legislation to prevent such pollution incidents from happening again.

This Council asks the Chief Operating Officer to write to Richard Benyon MP, the two Members of Parliament for Torbay and the South West Region's Members of the European Parliament to advise them of this Council's views.

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

None

#### **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)

Councillor Doggett and James declared personal interests as they are both members of the RSPB.

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

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