

Record of Decisions

Former Police Station at Bolton Cross, Brixham (now Brixham Museum) - Relisting of Asset of Community Value

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 14 July 2025.

Decision

That the listing of the Former Police Station, Brixham as an Asset of Community Value be renewed for a further period of five years, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

Reason for the Decision

The previous listing expired on 31 March 2025; a new nomination had been submitted to maintain the asset's protected status. The asset continued to serve as a cultural and educational resource for residents and visitors, justifying its re-listing. The nomination reflected ongoing community interest and support in the museum, which was led by a local charitable organisation and run by dedicated volunteers.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 28 July 2025 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

An application to nominate the Former Police Station at Bolton Cross, Brixham (now Brixham Heritage Museum) as an Asset of Community Value had been received from Brixham Museum Trust (a Charitable Incorporated Organisation).

The property was previously included on the Council's list of successful nominations; however, that listing expired on 31 March 2025. The new nomination sought to re-list the asset for a further five years.

At the meeting Councillor Jackie Thomas proposed and Councillor Chris Lewis 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 refuse the nomination, despite the asset meeting the statutory criteria for listing under the Localism Act 2011, such a decision could be subject to legal challenge. In accordance with the legislation, a written statement outlining the reasons for refusal must be provided to the nominating party.

In light of the above, the preferred option was to list the Former Police Station at Bolton Cross, Brixham on the Council's register of Assets of Community Value for a further period of five years. This would ensure the asset retained its ACV status and continued to be protected for community use.

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 Bye declared a non-pecuniary interest as an honorary member of the Brixham Museum.

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