

Minutes of the Cabinet

18 August 2026

-: Present :-

Councillor David Thomas (Chair)

Councillors Billings, Bye, Chris Lewis, Jacqueline Thomas, Tranter and Tyerman

(Also in attendance: Councillors Douglas-Dunbar (virtual), Law (virtual), Barbara Lewis (virtual), Long and Stevens (virtual))

22. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 21 July 2026 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

23. Disclosure of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

24. Matters for Consideration

The Cabinet considered the following matters, full details of which (including the Cabinet's decisions) are set out in the Record of Decisions appended to these Minutes.

25. Budget Monitoring - Revenue and Capital Outturn 2026/27 Quarter 1

The Cabinet noted the Budget Monitoring Revenue and Capital Outturn 2026/27 Quarter 1 report, which presented the Council's forecast revenue and capital position as at 30 June 2026.

The Cabinet also noted that revisions to the Capital Investment Plan could be approved by the Director of Finance in accordance with paragraph 5.15 of the Financial Regulations and Contract Procedures and therefore a recommendation to Council was not required.

26. Review of Council Tax Premiums for Long Term Empty and Second Homes - Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

27. Revised Memorial Bench Policy - Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

Record of Decisions

Review of Council Tax Premiums for Long Term Empty and Second Homes – Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 18 August 2026

Decision

That the Cabinet's response to the Review of Council Tax Premiums for Long Term Empty and Second Homes - Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board be approved as published.

Reason for the Decision

The Cabinet was required to respond to the findings of the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 1 September 2026 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Cabinet received the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board on the Review of Council Tax Premiums for Long Term Empty and Second Homes. In accordance with section D7 of Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny as set out in the Constitution, the Cabinet was required to respond to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Board within two months. Subsequently the Cabinet prepared a response to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Board which was proposed by Councillor Tyerman and seconded by Councillor Chris Lewis and 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?

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: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet

Record of Decisions

Revised Memorial Bench Policy – Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 18 August 2026

Decision

That the Cabinet's response to the Revised Memorial Bench Policy - Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board be approved as published.

Reason for the Decision

The Cabinet was required to respond to the findings of the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 1 September 2026 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Cabinet received the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board on the revised Memorial Bench Policy. In accordance with section D7 of Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny as set out in the Constitution, the Cabinet was required to respond to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Board within two months. Subsequently the Cabinet prepared a response to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Board which was proposed by Councillor Billings and seconded by Councillor Bye and 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?

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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