

Record of Decisions

Torbay Young Futures Hub and Local Youth Transformation Programme

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 20 October 2026

Decision

1. that the Torbay Young Futures Hub and Local Youth Transformation Programme overview be noted;
2. that the proposed strategic direction, including development of a multi-venue Young Futures Hub model and co-production of Torbay's first Youth Strategy with children and young people, be endorsed; and
3. that the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, be authorised to progress programme mobilisation, governance and co-production arrangements and bring forward the resulting Youth Strategy and any further decisions through the appropriate governance route.

Reason for the Decision

The programme responds to the current absence of a Torbay Youth Strategy and creates an opportunity to develop a new and innovative approach with children and young people. It will also support the Council to strengthen delivery of its statutory duty under section 507B of the Education Act 1996 and align local arrangements with the National Youth Strategy, Families First Partnership expectations and the Young Futures programme.

Implementation

This decision may be implemented on 2 November 2026 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

Torbay had been selected to take part in the national Young Futures Hubs and Local Youth Transformation programme. The opportunity provided funding and support to strengthen Torbay's youth offer and to co-produce the area's first long-term Youth Strategy with children and young people. The programme overview set out the proposed strategic framework, governance, workstreams, indicative timetable and funding profile.

At the meeting Councillor Bye proposed and Councillor Tyerman 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

Developing a Youth Strategy outside of the programme was rejected as it would not have attracted the same level of support and investment. Maintaining existing arrangements was also rejected as it would have left the strategic gap unresolved and risked losing external funding opportunities.

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