



Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

15 February 2017

-: Present :-

Councillor Lewis (Chairman)

Councillors Bye, Doggett, Morey, Robson, Stocks, Sykes, Tolchard and Tyerman

(Also in attendance: The Mayor and Councillors Parrott and Haddock)

62. Apologies

It was reported that, in accordance with the wishes of the Conservative Group and Independent Group that the membership of the Board had been amended to include Councillors Sykes, Robson and Morey in place of Councillors Bent, Barnby and Stockman.

63. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 25 January 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

64. Urgent Items

The Board considered the items in Minute 65 and 70, and not included on the agenda, the Chairman being of the opinion that it was urgent by reason of special circumstances i.e. the matter having arisen since the agenda was prepared and it was unreasonable to delay a decision until the next meeting.

65. Urgent Item Provision of bus services - Local Link cessation of service

Members received a paper following the cessation of a number of bus services by Local Link, the paper set out the services affected and action taken by the Council following notification of the withdrawal of the service. Members noted that a number of residents would be affected and were reassured by the Assistant Director of Corporate and Business Services that officers were meeting with interested operators to fill the gap in service provision. Members requested the Overview and Scrutiny Board be informed of any further developments.

66. Healthy Torbay Supplementary Planning Document

The Board considered a consultation draft of the Healthy Torbay Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which forms part of the Council's statutory 'development plan' which guides decision-making in respect of planning decisions.

Following the adoption of the Torbay Local Plan the Council can adopt supplementary planning documents which add detail to the Local Plan policies in order to better secure environmental, social, design and economic objectives which are relevant to the attainment of the development and use of land. The Healthy Torbay SPD expands on the Council's approach to ensuring new development contributes to improving the health and wellbeing of the community.

Members were pleased to note that a cross cutting theme such as health and wellbeing was being woven into services across the whole council.

Resolved: that the Healthy Torbay Supplementary Planning Document be supported.

67. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Prior to consideration of the items in Minute 68,69 and 70 the press and public were formally excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the item involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

68. Strategic Agreement between Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust and Torbay Council/South Devon and Torbay Clinical Commissioning Group

The Board considered a report that set out the way in which Torbay Council and South Devon and Torbay Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will commission services from Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust (Trust).

Representatives from both the CCG, the Trust and the Council's Director of Adult Social Services attended the meeting and provided a context to the agreement between the three parties and responded to Members questions.

The Board welcomed the establishment of the Adult Services and Public Health Monitoring Working Party recognising that all Members have a role to play in ensuring the delivery of joined up, integrated and effective health and care to people living in Torbay.

Resolved: that Council be recommended to approve the recommendations as set out in the submitted report.

69. Transformation project - Generating income through Housing

Members considered an exempt report and appendices that provided an update on the development of proposals to generate income through housing, in particular the outline business case, proposed structure and governance implications.

Resolved: (i) that the Council be recommended:

- a. to approve the establishment of the company structures as set out in the submitted report and due to be presented to Council on 23 February 2017; and

b. to request that the Housing Company Policy Framework document together with an outline business case be presented to Council in April 2017.

(ii) that a task and finish group be established to consider the Housing Company Policy Framework document and outline business case ahead of consideration by Council.

70. Urgent Item - Request for Loan to South Devon College to Support the Development and Construction of a New Hi Tech Skills Centre

The Board considered an exempt report that sought loan support for a development that would enable the college to continue to grow, develop and improve in order to best serve the local community. A representative from South Devon College was present and responded to Members questions.

Resolved: that the Council be recommended to support the proposal.

Chairman
