

Record of Officer Decision

Consent to the “Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority Regulations 2024”

Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, on 18 November 2024.

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

At its meeting on 30 April 2024, the Council approved the final proposal for the Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority (DT CCA) for submission to the then Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

The final proposal for the DT CCA was submitted jointly by Torbay Council and Devon County Council on 1 May 2024.

The DT CCA will be a “body corporate” that will be brought into being through the Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority Regulations 2024. The Regulations will establish the DT CCA and give effect to the Devon and Torbay devolution deal. The Regulations include the DT CCA’s governance arrangements and the functions that it will exercise.

The Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution wrote to the Leaders of Torbay Council and Devon County Council on 17 September 2024 to confirm the Government’s intention to finalise the necessary Regulations to provide for the establishment, including governance arrangements, of the DT CCA.

The Government will lay the Regulations before Parliament subject to the consent of Torbay Council and Devon County Council.

At its meeting on 30 April 2024 the Council also gave delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to consent to the making of the Regulations to create the DT CCA.

The Chief Executive has consulted the Leader of the Council and is satisfied that the Regulations implement and give effect to the proposal for the DT CCA.

Decision Taken:

That the making of the Regulations to create the Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority on the basis that they implement and give effect to the proposal submitted to Government on 1 May 2024 by Torbay Council and Devon County Council be approved.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:

To give effect to the decision of the Council on 30 April 2024.

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected and Background Papers:

An alternative option would be not to consent to the Regulations. If this option were to be adopted, then there would be no guarantee that a DT CCA and associated devolution deal with the potential associated powers and funding would be available to the area in the same way in

the future.

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation:

None

Implementation:

18 November 2024

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Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Chief Executive)