

Record of Decisions

Commercial Policy

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 17 December 2024.

Decision

That the Commercial Policy as set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved.

Reason for the Decision

To enable the Commercial Policy to be implemented and underpinning guidance and training to be put in place to support delivery of Council priorities and statutory obligations.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 2 January 2025 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

Procurement and Contract Management activities were vital for enabling the Council to meet its strategic objectives and operational needs whilst gaining best value for money in delivering services for our residents and communities.

The Commercial Policy set out how Council Contract Procedures would be implemented and underpinned by a wider framework of guidance and training for Officers. Furthermore, the Commercial Policy detailed the strategic and operational responsibilities of Council Officers to ensure:

- a) the Council's approach to procurement and contract management is fair, open and transparent; and
- b) the effectiveness and efficiency of Procurement and Contract Management activities.

At the meeting Councillor Tyerman proposed and Councillor Billings 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

The only alternative option was to not put a Commercial Policy in place. This alternative was not part of the proposal, as Contract Procedures states that there is a Commercial Policy and the purpose of which was to provide more detail on how Contract Procedures would be implemented and adhered to.

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