

**Agenda Item 10, Good Governance the Torbay Way -
Effective Administration and Opposition - Leaders'
Agreement, Principles and Constitution Amendments**

Officer Revised Recommendation

Council Meeting

27 February 2025

(Revisions shown in bold text)

Revised Recommendation:

1. That the Council approve the Group Leaders' Agreement, the associated principles and amendments to the Constitution, as set out at Appendix 1 to this report, in order to embed effective Administration and Opposition in our 'Torbay Way' for good governance and for inclusion in the Council's Constitution.

2. That, subject to approval of 1. above, the Group Leaders be requested to sign the Leaders' Agreement and principles at the Council Meeting on 27 February 2025.

3. **That, in order to bring into effect the associated changes to the various roles as a result of the Group Leaders' Agreement, the Council resolves:**
 - a) **the decision of the Council on 18 July 2024, to appoint Councillor Spacagna as Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator be rescinded (Minute 39/7/24 refers) and that Councillor Long be appointed as Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator and Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (in accordance with Article 5.04) for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2024/25;**

 - b) **the decision of the Council on 20 June 2024 to appoint the following Scrutiny Leads be rescinded (Minute 20(2)/6/24 refers):**

Councillor Fellows - Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Children's Services;

Councillor Tolchard - Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Adults, Community Services, Public Health and Inequalities;

Councillor Hutchings - Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Place Development, Economic Growth and Culture; and

Councillor Foster - Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing, Finance, Corporate and Place Based Services.

 - c) **the following Scrutiny Leads be appointed for the remainder of the 2024/2025 Municipal Year:**

Councillor Law - Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Children's Services;

Councillor Johns - Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Adults, Community Services, Public Health and Inequalities;

Councillor Carter - Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Place Development, Economic Growth and Culture; and

Councillor Cowell - Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing, Finance, Corporate and Place Based Services.

- d) the decision of the Council on 20 June 2024 to appoint the following Chairmen/women be rescinded (Minute 19(5)/6/24 refers):**

Audit Committee - Councillor Brook

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board – Councillor Fellows

Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board - Councillor Tolchard

- e) the following Chairmen/women be appointed for the remainder of the 2024/25 Municipal Year:**

Audit Committee - Councillor Penny

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board – Councillor Law

Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board - Councillor Johns

- f) the decision of the Council on 20 June 2024 to appoint the following Vice-Chairmen/women be rescinded (Minute 19(5)/6/24 refers):**

Audit Committee – Councillor Fellows

Harbour Committee – Councillor Twelves

Statutory Licensing Committee – Councillor Foster

Regulatory Committee - Councillor Foster

Overview & Scrutiny Board – Councillor Tolchard

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board – Councillor Twelves

Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board - Councillor Foster

Planning Committee – Councillor Billings

Standards Committee – Councillor Chris Lewis

g) the following Vice Chairmen/women be appointed for the remainder of the 2024/25 Municipal Year:

Audit Committee – Councillor Brook

Harbour Committee – Councillor Carter

Statutory Licensing Committee – Councillor Douglas-Dunbar

Regulatory Committee - Councillor Pentney

Overview & Scrutiny Board – Councillor Spacagna

**Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board
– Councillor Fellows**

Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board - Councillor Tolchard

Planning Committee – Councillor Fox

Standards Committee – Councillor Atiya-Alla

Footnote: For clarification and ease of reading the proposed complete set of new appointments are set out below:

Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator and Scrutiny Leads:

Councillor Long - Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator

Councillor Law - Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Children's Services

Councillor Johns - Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Adults, Community Services, Public Health and Inequalities

Councillor Carter - Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Place Development, Economic Growth and Culture

Councillor Cowell - Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing, Finance, Corporate and Place Based Services

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Chairmen/women and Vice-Chairmen/women of Committee's 2024-2025:

Committee	Chairman/woman	Vice-Chairman/woman
Audit Committee	Cllr Penny	Cllr Brook
Harbour Committee	Cllr Strang	Cllr Carter
Health and Wellbeing Board	Councillor David Thomas	Matt Fox (partner representative)
Statutory Licensing Committee	Cllr Barbara Lewis	Cllr Douglas-Dunbar
Regulatory Committee	Cllr Barbara Lewis	Cllr Pentney
Overview and Scrutiny Board	Cllr Long	Cllr Spacagna
Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board (Sub-Committee of Overview and Scrutiny)	Cllr Law	Cllr Fellows
Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board (Sub-Committee of Overview and Scrutiny)	Cllr Johns	Cllr Tolchard
Planning Committee	Cllr Brook	Cllr Fox
Standards Committee	Cllr Jackie Thomas	Cllr Atiya-Alla