

Record of Decisions

Corporate Parenting Strategy 2022-25

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 13 December 2022.

Decision

To formally launch the Corporate Parenting Strategy 2022-25 as a Policy Framework document and as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, for public consultation.

Reason for the Decision

Under the Children and Social Work Act 2017, the legislative responsibility for local authorities in respect of their corporate parenting duties was outlined. In February 2019, the Department for Education published Statutory Guidance for local authorities and outlined the key principles of Corporate Parenting. In addition, under the Children Act 2004, it was highlighted that local authorities have a duty to promote co-operation between their relevant partners and the Act also highlights that corporate parenting is a task which should be shared Council-wide and across the partnership.

Implementation

This decision will be implemented immediately.

Information

The Corporate Parenting Strategy outlines the aspirations as to the kind of corporate parent Torbay wants to be and how the local authority will work alongside its partners, including education, police and health services, to achieve this ambition. This requires everyone, from officers to elected Members to GPs to teachers, not only recognising their role as corporate parents but also understanding how they can support us to be the best possible corporate parents we can be.

The Strategy sets out the commitment of the Partnership to these objectives, and achieving the ambitions through strong strategic, corporate and political leadership and meaningful performance management, a commitment to the ongoing engagement and involvement of children and young people in the development and implementation of the strategy and associated action plans and effective working together with partners across Torbay.

At the meeting Councillor Law proposed and Councillor Cowell 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

There were no alternative options considered.

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes

Does the call-in procedure apply?

No

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