



Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

16 October 2014

-: Present :-

Councillor Thomas (J) (Chairman)

Councillors Bent, Darling (Vice-Chair), Davies, Hytche, Kingscote, Pentney, Stockman and Tyerman

(Also in attendance: The Mayor and Councillors Addis, Brooksbank, Cowell, Doggett, Ellery, Excell, Hernandez, Lewis, Mills, Morey, Parrott, Pritchard and Thomas (D))

22. Proposed Covenant protecting Churston Golf Course from development

The Board considered the details of a call-in by nine Members of the Council of the decision by the Mayor to enter into a deed covenanting with the residents of Churston and Galmpton ward that, amongst other things, the Council will not allow any development of Churston Golf Club without any such proposal first obtaining the majority of votes in a referendum of the registered electors of that ward.

The Call-in Promoter (Councillor Morey) set out the reasons for calling-in the decision and the Call-in Supporters also addressed the Board about their concerns regarding the decision.

Members of the public addressed the Board and gave their views both against entering into a covenant and those in favour.

The Executive Director, the Director of Place, the Executive Head for Business and Commercial Services, the Senior Service Manager - Strategic Planning and Implementation and the Executive Lead for Strategic Planning answered the questions which the Call-in Promoter and Supporters had raised within their call-in request. Board members went on to ask a number of supplementary questions arising from the answers given and the points raised by members of the public.

At this juncture, the Chairman of the Board indicated that he was minded to adjourn the meeting until a date to be confirmed as he felt that further information was required. Members of the Board were in agreement with this view and therefore the meeting adjourned to a future date.

(Note: Prior to consideration of the item in Minute 22, Councillor Tyerman declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of the Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust.)

Chairman
