



Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

17 February 2016

-: Present :-

Councillor Lewis (Chairman)

Councillors Bent, Bye, Darling (S), Morey, Stocks, Thomas (D), Tolchard and Tyerman

(Also in attendance: The Mayor and Councillors Brooks, Carter, Excell, Haddock, Mills, Parrott and Sykes)

51. Apologies

It was reported that in accordance with the wishes of the Independent and Conservative Groups, the membership of the Board had been amended to include Councillors Morey and Thomas (D) in place of Councillors Stockman and Barnby, respectively.

52. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 27 January 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

53. Strategic Agreement between Torbay and Southern Devon NHS Foundation Trust and Torbay Council

The Board considered the draft Strategic Agreement between Torbay Council and Torbay and Southern Devon NHS Foundation Trust. It was noted that the detail within the draft Agreement had been subject to debate and discussion during the recent Review of Priorities and Resources and therefore no further recommendations would be made.

54. Corporate Plan Delivery Plans 2015-2019

The Board considered the draft Corporate Plan Delivery Plans for 2015-2019. It was highlighted that, as the Delivery Plans formed part of the Council's Policy Framework, the draft document should be subject to six weeks consultation prior to consideration by the Council. The Board also raised concerns about the level of detail within the draft and whether proper consideration had been given to the recommendations of the recent Corporate Peer Challenge carried out by the Local Government Association.

Resolved: that it be recommended to the Mayor that a six week consultation be undertaken on the content of the draft Corporate Plan Delivery Plans and that the views of the Community Partnerships, Brixham

Town Council and the business community be actively sought during the consultation period.

55. Relocation of Torbay School and the provision of a new Primary School in Paignton

The Board considered a proposal to relocate Torbay School to MyPlace in Paignton. The report set out the implications for the Youth Trust to whom it had previously been agreed to lease the MyPlace site for the delivery of Torbay's youth programme.

The Board heard a representation from the Chairman of the Torbay Sports Council and the Chairman read out a statement from the Trustees of the Torbay Youth Trust.

Resolved: that it be recommended to the Council that a workable solution should exist between the Youth Trust, Torbay Council, Torbay School and other partner agencies (for example, Catch 22) before the Council is asked to rescind its previous decision as recommended in paragraph 3.1 of the submitted report.

(**Note:** Prior to consideration of the item in Minute 55, Councillors Excell and Tyerman declared non-pecuniary interests as the Executive Lead for Sport and a trustee of the Torbay Youth Trust, respectively.)

56. Future Operation of the Overview and Scrutiny Function

The Chairman of the Board set out his proposals for how the Overview and Scrutiny Board would operate in the future taking account of the report produced as a result of the work which had been undertaken with the Centre for Public Scrutiny as a Scrutiny Development Area in 2014/2015.

Resolved: (i) that the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator, Vice-chairman of the Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Lead Members meet informally on a regular basis with the Executive Director, Directors and Assistant Directors (with the Executive Leads, as appropriate); and

(ii) that a monthly briefing meeting be held to enable the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator, Vice-chairman of the Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Lead Members to brief all non-Executive members of the Council on forthcoming issues and to enable informal discussions on those issues.

57. Exclusion of press and public

Prior to consideration of the item in Minute 58, the press and public were formally excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the item involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

58. Proposed Investment at Torbay Business Park

The Board considered a report on a proposed investment at Torbay Business Park and gave its views on the proposal to the Mayor and the representative of Torbay Development Agency.

Chairman
