



Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team)

14 December 2017

-: Present :-

Councillor Mills (Chairman)

Councillors Ellery, Excell, Haddock, Parrott and Stockman

(Also in attendance: Councillors Bye, Lewis (C), Morey and Tolchard)

25. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Elected Mayor Oliver and Councillors Amil and King.

26. Minutes

The Minutes of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) held on 6 November 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

27. New Model of Care: Changing the way the Council as Commissioners and the Integrated Care Organisation (ICO) as Providers deliver Adult Social Care: Adult Social Care Eligibility

The Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made the following recommendation to the Deputy Mayor:

That the Deputy Mayor be recommended to approve the new Eligibility Policy set out at Appendix 1 to the report to be submitted for public consultation.

The Deputy Mayor considered the recommendation of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) set out above at the meeting and the record of decision, together with further information is attached to these Minutes.

28. Torbay Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2016/17 and Business Plan 2017/18

Members considered the submitted report and noted that the Torbay Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2016/7 showed a significant improvement in the work of the service and Members thanked staff for all their hard work.

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The Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made the following recommendation to the Deputy Mayor:

That the Deputy Mayor be recommended to approve the Torbay Safeguarding Children Board (TSCB) Annual Report 2016-17 (Appendix 1) and Business Plan 2017-18 (Appendix 2).

The Deputy Mayor considered the recommendation of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) set out above at the meeting and the record of decision, together with further information is attached to these Minutes.

29. Fostering Service Annual Report 2016/17

Members considered the submitted report and thanked staff for their work. The Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made the following recommendation to the Deputy Mayor:

That the Deputy Mayor be recommended to approve the Annual Fostering Report 2016/17 set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report.

The Deputy Mayor considered the recommendation of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) set out above at the meeting and the record of decision, together with further information is attached to these Minutes.

30. Brunel Academy Relocations Options Appraisal

The Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made the following recommendation to the Deputy Mayor:

That the Deputy Mayor be recommended that the options appraisal for Brunel Academy is extended to encompass the Polsham Key Stage 3 and Hillside Key Stage 4 alternative provision sites in order to develop an holistic response that makes best use of the resources available, whilst maximising outcomes for SEMH pupils. This work to be completed early February 2018 with the outcome to be presented to a future meeting of the Policy Development and Decision Group.

The Deputy Mayor considered the recommendation of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) set out above at the meeting and the record of decision, together with further information is attached to these Minutes.

31. Children and Young People's Plan Consultation Document

Members of the Policy Development and Decision Group thanked Andy Dempsey – Director of Children's Services, Rachel Williams – Head of Education, Learning and Skills and Anne Osborne – Assistant Director Children's Safeguarding and the

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Children's Services Team for all their hard work and improvements over the past twelve months.

The Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made the following recommendations to the Deputy Mayor:

- (i) that the draft Children and Young People Plan set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report be agreed as the basis for consultation with the Council's partners and stakeholders (including children and young people);
- (ii) that the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Executive Lead for Children and Adults Services, be authorised to develop the action plan with the Children and Young People Plan taking into account the views expressed during the consultation period; and
- (iii) that the final draft of the Children and Young People's Plan be agreed by the Mayor ahead of it being presented to the Council for consideration.

The Deputy Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) set out above at the meeting and the record of decision, together with further information is attached to these Minutes.

Chairman

Record of Decision

New Model of Care: Adult Social Care Eligibility

Decision Taker

Deputy Mayor on 14 December 2017

Decision

That the new Eligibility Policy set out at Appendix 1 to the report be approved to be submitted for public consultation.

Reason for the Decision

To commence the formal six week public consultation.

Implementation

This decision will come into immediately.

Information

Under the Care Act 2014, local authorities were given new functions. This was to make sure that people who live in their area:

- Receive services that prevent their care needs from becoming more serious, or delay the impact of their need.
- Can get the information and advice they need to make good decisions about care and support.
- Have a range of provision of high quality, appropriate services to choose from.

The draft Social Care Eligibility Policy proposes a way of delivering adult social care (ASC) for Torbay through changing the eligibility criteria based on principles contained within the Care Act 2014. The approach the Council as commissioners and therefore the Integrated Care Organisation (ICO) as providers intend to adopt is offering people information and advice in the first instance, using an asset based approach which will meet the person's needs by taking into account the range of support on offer from family, friends, voluntary organisations and charities.

The Council was proposing to consult on the draft Social Care Eligibility Policy for six weeks from 15 December 2017 until 26 January 2018 with the final report being presented to the Elected Mayor for consideration at the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) on 5 March 2018.

The Deputy Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made on 14 December 2017 and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report but not discussed at the meeting.

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I035050

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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The Deputy Mayor

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Record of Decision

Torbay Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2016/17 and Business Plan 2017/18

Decision Taker

Deputy Mayor on 14 December 2017

Decision

That the Torbay Safeguarding Children Board (TSCB) Annual Report 2016-17 (Appendix 1) and Business Plan 2017-18 (Appendix 2) be approved.

Reason for the Decision

To formally sign off the Torbay Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2016/17 and Business Plan 2017/18.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on Wednesday, 3 January 2018 unless the call-in process is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The submitted report set out the Torbay Safeguarding Children Board (TSCB) Annual Report for 2016/2017 which provided an overview of progress from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017. This had been a period of development and consolidation for the Board with their key achievements including:

- Embedding the cycle of business of planning, delivery, monitoring and review.
- Developing and implementing a comprehensive data set.
- Overseeing the development and launch of local Neglect and Early Help Strategies.
- Overseeing a Section 11 audit across local partners, with agency action plans in place to address areas for development.

The report also set out the TSCB Business Plan for 2017/18 which set out the agenda for the current year underpinned by two key priorities:

- To promote the welfare of children and young people who are vulnerable to abuse.
- Responding to new legislation and joint inspection criteria to ensure the Board fulfils its statutory duties.

The Deputy Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made on 14 December 2017 and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

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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Record of Decision

Fostering Service Annual Report 2016/17

Decision Taker

Deputy Mayor on 14 December 2017

Decision

That the Annual Fostering Report 2016/17 set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved.

Reason for the Decision

To formally sign off the Fostering Service Annual Report for 2016/17.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on Wednesday, 3 January 2018 unless the call-in process is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The submitted report provided an update of the work of the Fostering Service for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017. The Fostering Service 2016/17 Report also highlighted the key areas for development for the current year which aimed to consolidate and enhance the progress to date:

- Maintaining positive relationships with foster carers to ensure participation in Practice and Service Improvement.
- Driving forward an energetic recruitment campaign to attract prospective foster carers to Torbay Council's Fostering service.
- Developing foster carer support groups (to include specific groups for connected carers and family to family), training for foster carers.
- Developing systems to ensure data capture is improved and informs service development and reports for the service going forward.
- Developing the foster carers' training programme to increase online resources.
- Reviewing and developing the foster carers' annual review process.

The Deputy Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made on 14 December 2017 and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

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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The Deputy Mayor

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Record of Decision

Brunel Academy Relocation Options Appraisal

Decision Taker

Deputy Mayor on 14 December 2017

Decision

That the options appraisal for Brunel Academy is extended to encompass the Polsham Key Stage 3 and Hillside Key Stage 4 alternative provision sites in order to develop an holistic response that makes best use of the resources available, whilst maximising outcomes for SEMH pupils. This work to be completed early February 2018 with the outcome to be presented to a future meeting of the Policy Development and Decision Group.

Reason for the Decision

To enable wider options to be considered in respect of the proposed relocation of Brunel Academy.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on Wednesday, 3 January 2018 unless the call-in process is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The submitted report provided details of the options considered to date in respect of the proposed relocation of Brunel Academy (formerly known as Torbay School) due to the current constraints of the school site, following a decision taken by the Council in February 2015 that the school needed to be relocated.

Brunel Academy is currently located on Torquay Road, Paignton. The site area of the school is 4,332m² against a DfE recommended size of 10,160m² for a school of this size and character. The lack of space, particularly outdoors, creates significant difficulties for school leadership in meeting the needs of its pupils, particularly the vocational needs of older children.

The Deputy Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made on 14 December 2017 and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I034234

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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Deputy Mayor

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Record of Decision

Children and Young People's Plan – Draft for Consultation

Decision Taker

Deputy Mayor on 14 December 2017

Decision

- (i) that the draft Children and Young People Plan set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report be agreed as the basis for consultation with the Council's partners and stakeholders (including children and young people);
- (ii) that the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Executive Lead for Children and Adults Services, be authorised to develop the action plan with the Children and Young People Plan taking into account the views expressed during the consultation period; and
- (iii) that the final draft of the Children and Young People's Plan be agreed by the Mayor ahead of it being presented to the Council for consideration.

Reason for the Decision

To commence the formal public consultation on the draft Children and Young People's Plan.

Implementation

This decision will come into force immediately.

Information

The submitted report set out the draft of the Children and Young People's Plan which had been developed to ensure that the Council, working with local partners can articulate a clear strategic direction for the development and delivery of services for children and young people in Torbay. The report also sought authorisation for the Director of Children's Services to consult with the Council's partners and stakeholders and subsequently, develop an action plan to ensure its priorities are delivered.

The Deputy Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made on 14 December 2017 and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report but not discussed.

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I034045

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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