



Minutes of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team)

9 October 2017

-: Present :-

Councillor Haddock

The Mayor and Councillors Excell, Haddock, King, Mills and Parrott

(Also in attendance: Councillors Darling (S), Ellery, Lewis (C), Morey and Tyerman)

18. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Amil.

19. Disclosure of Interests

The Mayor declared a pecuniary interest in respect of the English Riviera Destination Management Plan.

20. Minutes

The minutes of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) held on 19 June and 24 July 2017 were correct records and signed by the Chairman.

21. Transformation Project - Review of Public Conveniences

The Assistant Director for Community and Customer Services advised that a comprehensive review of public toilets had been undertaken and that a procurement exercise was being undertaken to seek a commercial partner to deliver the provision of public toilets in Torbay. It was noted that the procurement exercise had reached a stage where a preferred bidder could be appointed, and that at the Joint Operations Team Policy Development Group held on 12 February 2016 it was agreed that public consultation would be undertaken before any final proposals on the type and shape of future public toilet provision would be presented for decision.

Members were given examples of different delivery models/schemes for the provision of toilets which had been adopted by other authorities. Members raised concern about the lack of facilities for the severely disabled and that part of the consultation sought the public's view on the closure of public toilets.

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

- (i) that contrary to officer recommendation, the consultation proposed in the submitted report is not to be undertaken;
- (ii) that the Mayor does not support any reduction to the number of public toilets and that Community and Customer Services be requested to explore how the existing toilet provision can be provided via a modernisation programme which is in accordance with the Corporate Plan to reduce costs to the Council and report back to the Mayor and Executive Leads.

The Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) set out above at the meeting and his decision is attached to these minutes.

22. Update of Torbay Economic Strategy and English Riviera Destination Management Plan

The Mayor presented the submitted report which set out a revised Economic Strategy that would support Torbay to build on its strengths to deliver economic growth, tackle inequality and create change in the area that benefits residents. The Mayor explained the four objectives which would assist Torbay in achieving its vision.

It was noted that the current Economic Strategy was due to expire and that certain factors, such as Brexit and the recent government election, meant that the existing strategy required reviewing and updating.

The Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) made the following recommendation to the Mayor on the Torbay Economic Strategy 2017-2022:

That subject to the wording set out below being included on Page 6 of the Strategy, the Council be recommended to approve the Torbay Economic Strategy 2017-2022, as set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report, noting that the Policy Framework element of the Strategy starts at Page 10.

'Working with the **'Heart of the South West'** Local Enterprise Partnership to build our relationship with Government.'

The Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) set out above at the meeting and his decision is attached to these minutes.

The Executive Lead for Planning, Transport and Housing presented the English Riviera Destination Management Plan 2017-2021 as set out in the submitted report. The Executive Lead advised that the overall objectives of the Destination Management Plan were to deliver a series of agreed actions in partnership with local stakeholders to strengthen and develop the English Riviera's tourism offer.

The Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) made the following recommendation to the Executive Lead for Tourism, Culture and Harbours on the English Riviera Destination Management Plan 2017-2021:

That the Council be recommended that the English Riviera Destination Management Plan 2017-2021 Pride in Place, as set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report, be adopted as a sub-strategy of the Torbay Economic Strategy.

The Executive Lead for Tourism, Culture and Harbours considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) set out above and her decision is attached to these minutes.

(Note: Prior to consideration of the English Riviera Destination Management Plan 2017-2021, the Mayor declared his pecuniary interest and withdrew from the meeting room.)

Chairman

Record of Decisions

Transformation Project - Review of Public Conveniences

Decision Taker

Mayor on 09 October 2017

Decision

- (i) that contrary to officer recommendation, the consultation proposed in the submitted report is not to be undertaken;
- (ii) that the Mayor does not support any reduction to the number of public toilets and that Community and Customer Services be requested to explore how the existing toilet provision can be provided via a modernisation programme which is in accordance with the Corporate Plan to reduce costs to the Council and report back to the Mayor and Executive Leads.

Reason for the Decision

To determine a sustainable position for the future management of public toilets.

Implementation

The decision will come into force and may be implemented on Tuesday, 24 October 2017 unless the call-in process is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Assistant Director for Community and Customer Services advised that a comprehensive review of public toilets had been undertaken and that a procurement exercise was being undertaken to seek a commercial partner to deliver the provision of public toilets in Torbay. It was noted that the procurement exercise had reached a stage where a preferred bidder could be appointed, and that at the Joint Operations Team Policy Development Group held on 12 February 2016 it was agreed that public consultation would be undertaken before any final proposals on the type and shape of future public toilet provision would be presented for decision.

Members were given examples of different delivery models/schemes for the provision of toilets which had been adopted by other authorities. Members raised concern about the lack of facilities for the severely disabled and that part of the consultation sought the public's view on the closure of public toilets.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I030260

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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Mayor of Torbay

Date: _____

Record of Decisions

Torbay Economic Strategy 2017-2022

Decision Taker

The Mayor on 09 October 2017

Decision

That subject to the wording set out below being included on Page 6 of the Strategy, the Council be recommended to approve the Torbay Economic Strategy 2017-2022, as set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report, noting that the Policy Framework element of the Strategy starts at Page 10.

'Working with the '**Heart of the South West**' Local Enterprise Partnership to build our relationship with Government.'

Reason for the Decision

To recommend that Council approves the revised Torbay Economic Strategy 2017-2022.

Implementation

The decision will come into force and may be implemented on Tuesday, 24 October 2017 unless the call-in process is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Mayor presented the submitted report which set out a revised Economic Strategy that would support Torbay to build on its strengths to deliver economic growth, tackle inequality and create change in the area that benefits residents. The Mayor explained the four objectives which would assist Torbay in achieving its vision.

It was noted that the current Economic Strategy was due to expire and that certain factors, such as Brexit and the recent government election, meant that the existing strategy required reviewing and updating.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I034000

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the
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Standards Committee)

None

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Mayor of Torbay

Date: _____

Record of Decisions

Destination Management Plan 2017-2021

Decision Taker

The Executive Lead for Tourism, Culture and Harbours on 18 October 2017

Decision

That the Council be recommended that the English Riviera Destination Management Plan 2017-2021 Pride in Place, as set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report, be adopted as a sub-strategy of the Torbay Economic Strategy.

Reason for the Decision

To recommend that Council approves the revised English Riviera Destination Management Plan 2017-2021.

Implementation

The decision will come into force and may be implemented on Thursday, 26 October 2017 unless the call-in process is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Executive Lead for Planning, Transport and Housing presented the English Riviera Destination Management Plan 2017-2021 as set out in the submitted report. The Executive Lead advised that the overall objectives of the Destination Management Plan were to deliver a series of agreed actions in partnership with local stakeholders to strengthen and development English Riviera's tourism offer.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I034001

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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18 October 2017

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Executive Lead for Tourism, Culture and Harbours