



Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

12 September 2018

-: Present :-

Councillor Lewis (C) (Chairman)

Councillors Barnby, Bent, Bye, Darling (S), Long, Morey and Sykes

(Also in attendance: The Elected Mayor and Councillors Brooks, Haddock, Hill, O'Dwyer, Robson, Stockman, Stocks, Stubbley, Thomas (D) and Tyerman)

18. The Future of the RICC

The Board considered a report setting out a Market Brief for the Riviera International Conference Centre site and the surrounding area. This was in line with the previous decision of the Council in order to establish a clear strategy for the site post April 2020. The Market Brief would be used to identify a Strategic Development Partner to bring forward development options and solutions for the site.

The Board raised a number of points including that it was hoped that any public realm works would go wider than the boundary included in the Brief, that potential and alternative uses for the site should be considered as part of the process.

The Board requested that updates be provided via the appropriate Monitoring Group.

19. Ofsted Re-inspection

The Board received a briefing note from the Director of Children's Services on the outcome of the recent Ofsted inspection which had found that Torbay's Children's Services remained Inadequate. The inspection had found that, overall, the pace of change meant that not enough improvement had been made since then previous inspection in 2015, and there were some areas showing serious weakness. It was noted, however, that there had been significant improvements in some areas, in particular in relation to adoption.

The Executive Lead for Children's Services explained that the Improvement Plan would be completed by November 2018 and that this would sit within the wider Children's Partnership.

20. Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-2022

The Board considered the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy which had been prepared by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

21. Budget 2018/2019 - Quarter 1 Monitoring Report

The Board considered the Budget Monitoring Report for the first quarter of the 2018/2019 financial year which showed that the revenue budget was predicted to be £2.9 million overspent by the end of the year. This was primarily as a result of demand pressures in Children's Services.

As a result the Senior Leadership Team had put in place arrangements for a moratorium on all spend which was not urgent or required to meet statutory duties.

The Board would continue to monitor the budget position.

22. Heart of the South West LEP Joint Scrutiny Committee

Resolved: that the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board be appointed as Torbay Council's representatives of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership Joint Scrutiny Committee.

23. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Prior to consideration of the item in Minute 24, the press and public were formally excluded from the meeting on the grounds that discussion 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).

24. Transformation Project - Future of ICT Services

The Board considered the draft report to the Council on the future of ICT services.

Resolved: (i) that a task and finish group be established to meet urgently, with the Leader of the Conservative Group to provide feedback to the Group, ahead of the Council meeting scheduled to take place in September 2018; and

(ii) that the task and finish group continue to meet throughout the due diligence process should the Council approve the proposal in relation to the future of ICT service.

Chairman
