

Council Meeting

5 December 2013

Council Motion – Change of Governance System (Mayoral decision)

This Council notes:

- that in order to change its present system of governance it is required to hold a referendum of Torbay's electorate;
- the earliest any referendum can be held is July 2015 which is after the next local elections;
- any referendum can only specify one alternative system of governance (i.e. committee system **or** leader and cabinet); and
- any referendum will incur a cost to the Council.

Therefore, this Council resolves that the Executive Head Business Services be requested to undertake a public consultation exercise to determine:

- (a) Whether the public wish to change the present mayoral system of governance;
and
- (b) If so, what the preferred system of governance would be.

Proposed by Councillor Darling

Seconded by Councillor Pentney