

Record of Decisions

Time to Change Mental Health Champion Organisation

Decision Taker

Mayor on Thursday, 25 September 2014

Decision

That Council commits to agreeing to make a pledge which will benefit staff and the population of Torbay, by challenging the stigma and negative attitudes surrounding mental health. This commitment can then be fed up to the Time to Change initiative and Torbay Council will be seen as a forward-thinking organisation with a commitment to its staff and population.

Agreeing to take the Time To Change pledge means agreeing that people with mental health problems (and that is 1 in 4 within a year), should not be afraid to talk about their issues, just like anyone with asthma or diabetes.

Reason for the Decision

By committing and signing up to the Time to Change pledge the Council will support the development of a mental health action plan.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on Wednesday 8 October 2014 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

Time to Change is a national mental health initiative supported by the Department of Health. It aims to tackle the stigma and discrimination around mental health. The pledge to Time to Change is a commitment that all local authorities are asked to take. In addition to changing attitudes to mental health, the pledge requires the Council to develop a mental health action plan which will benefit its staff and the community.

The Mayor considered the recommendations of the Council made on 25 September 2014 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)

Councillor Stocks declared a non-pecuniary interest as her son works for the Devon Partnership Trust who deliver mental health care in Torbay.

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Signed: _____
Mayor of Torbay

Date: 30 September 2014