

## **Minutes of the Cabinet**

**20 February 2020**

**-: Present :-**

Councillor Steve Darling (Chairman)

Councillors Long, Morey, Carter, Stockman and Cowell

(Also in attendance: Councillors Brooks, Brown, Douglas-Dunbar, Foster, Kennedy, Chris Lewis, Manning and David Thomas)

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### **94. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Law and Steve Parrock, Chief Executive.

### **95. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 21 January and 4 February 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **96. Communications**

The Cabinet Member for Adults and Public Health, Councillor Stockman, implored Members to lobby Government and Torbay's Members of Parliament to reconsider the funding formula for Younger Adults (18 to 24 year olds) social care, the revised funding formula could result in a 15% reduction in funds placing further pressure on the Council's supporting people budgets. Councillor Stockman also announced that the Better Care Fund 2019/20 had allocated funds to a range of projects across Torbay.

The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Culture, Councillor Morey, provided an update on damage caused by the recent storms and thanked staff and contractors for their hard work during difficult conditions.

The Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Tourism and Housing, Councillor Long, was pleased to support South Devon College at a celebratory reception hosted by the Rt Hon. Robert Halfon MP, Chair of the Education Select Committee and former Skills and Apprenticeship Minister. The reception formally recognised the national finalists and also acknowledged outstanding apprenticeship delivery and provision across the sector. Whilst in parliament, Councillor Long also met with Anthony Mangnall MP, to discuss supporting growth of Brixham as a fishing port and how Torbay can position itself for future funding.

The Cabinet Member for Finance, Councillor Cowell announced the launch of Crowdfunding Torbay.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Steve Darling, welcomed the Employment Committee's recommendation to appoint Nancy Meehan as the Director of Children's Services.

## **97. Matters for Consideration**

The Cabinet considered the following matters, full details of which (including the Cabinet's decisions and recommendations to Council) are set out in the Record of Decisions appended to these Minutes.

### **97.1 Revenue Budget 2020/2021**

This item was not required as the Council approved the Revenue Budget at its adjourned meeting held on 13 February 2020.

### **97.2 One Torbay: Working for all Torbay - Community and Corporate Plan**

### **97.3 Housing Strategy**

### **97.4 Torre Abbey Restoration Project - Phase 3 National Heritage Lottery Fund Bid**

### **97.5 Contractors Compound on Paignton Green**

### **97.6 Extension of the Joint Community Equipment Contract**

### **97.7 Torbay Council Annual Pay Policy Statement including Gender Pay Gap Report and Review of Pensions Discretions**

### **97.8 Exclusion of Press and Public**

Councillor Darling proposed and Councillor Long seconded the motion, which was agreed by the Cabinet unanimously, as set out below:

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting prior to consideration of items 15 to 18 on the agenda on the grounds that exempt information (as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)) was likely to be disclosed.

Prior to consideration of the item in Minute 97.10, the press and public were formally excluded from the meeting.

### **97.9 TDA Business Plan 2020-2025**

This item was deferred to enable the Chairman of the TDA Board to attend the meeting to present the report.

**97.10 New Economic Growth Fund Opportunities**

**97.11 New Investment Fund Opportunities**

There were no new Investment Opportunities.

**97.12 Update on Existing Investments**

There was no update at this time.

Chairman

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