

Audit and Governance Committee



Date of meeting:	29 November 2021
Title of Report:	Change to Terms of Reference, Tamar Bridge Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee
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Your Reference:	ART16/11/21
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

This report notes proposed recent changes to the Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding the operation of the Tamar Bridge Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee (TBTFJC). The proposed changes were discussed and agreed by the Joint Committee at their meeting of the 01/10/21. This report is tabled for the Committee to ratify these changes as part of the Council's governance process before going to Full Council for approval.

Recommendations and Reasons

The Committee is asked:

To accept the changes to the ToR as agreed by the TBTFJC on the 01/10/21

Reason: this will improve the efficacy and governance of the Joint Committee going forward.

Alternative options considered and rejected

For the Joint Committee to continue operating under the existing ToR. **Rejected** as issues have been identified that have reduced the effectiveness and efficiency of the TBTFJC requiring a review and updating of the ToR to meet current practices and improve the Committee's ability to better manage the Tamar crossings.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

As a regional centre, Plymouth plays a major role economically, culturally and industrially, providing a focus for the innovation, technology, it is also a desirable location for the quality of life that it offers. The bridge and ferry crossings are vital strategic and local links that enable the Council to progress its ambitious agendas as a world class City.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

TBTF operate on a 'user pays' basis, where all operational and maintenance costs are covered by Tolling, as a consequence there are no financial implications for the Council.

Financial Risks

Financial risks are mitigated through the Democratic process requiring Cabinet and Full Council sign off of annual budget and MTFP spend for TBTF.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

There are no environmental implications regarding this report.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

No other implications

Appendices

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A	Change to Terms of Reference Tamar Bridge Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee							
B	Equalities Impact Assessment (if applicable)							

Background papers:

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Governance report, Tamar Bridge Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee Proposed Terms of Reference changes 01/10/21 https://democracy.cornwall.gov.uk/documents/s149434/final_Appendix_1_Governance_Report_Proposed_TOR_final_dl.pdf							
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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Philip Robinson (Service Director for Street Scene)											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes Date agreed: 18/11/2021											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Jonathan Drear (Cabinet Member for Transport) Date approved: 17/11/2021											