Article 8 – Community Involvement

(References: Part VA, Local Government Act 1972 Section 13, Local Government and Housing Act 1989 Regulations 4, 5 and 16A, Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 Section 18, Local Government Act 2000 The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000)

8.01 Area Committees

The Council may appoint area committees as it sees fit, if it is satisfied that to do so will ensure:

- (i) improved service delivery in the context of delivering the Council's corporate priorities; and
- (ii) more efficient, transparent and accountable decision-making.

The Council will consult with Brixham Town Council when considering whether and how to establish area committees within Brixham.

8.02 Community Partnerships

The Council recognises the roles of the Community Partnerships in Torbay to increase the involvement of local people in their communities. The membership of each Community Partnership is recommended to be open to all people living or working, or organisations operating, within the boundary of the Community Partnership or anyone else invited by the Community Partnership to become a member of that body.

8.03 Area Committees – Access to information

Area committees will comply with the Standing Orders in relation to Access to Information in Part 4 of this Constitution.

8.04 Cabinet members on Area Committees

A member of the Cabinet may be appointed by the Council to serve on an area committee.

The Leader of the Council may be appointed by the Council as a member of one or more area committees.