

## **Brixham Town Centre Place Vision and Torbay Vision – Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board**

### **Report to Cabinet on 16 December 2025**

#### **Background**

1. The Overview and Scrutiny Board met on 4 December 2025 to consider the submitted Brixham Town Centre Place Vision and overarching Torbay Vision and responded to questions together with the Director of Regeneration and Place Delivery – David Carter. The purpose of the documents was to attract external investment in Brixham and Torbay.
2. Beth Huntley, member of the public made oral representations in respect of sustainable cycling provision within the Torbay Vision document.
3. The Mayor of Brixham Town Council, Councillor Nicholls made oral representations in respect of the Brixham Town Centre Place Vision and questioned if the Brixham document should clarify that it seeks external investment rather than Council delivery.
4. Members raised the following questions:
  - What was the purpose of the Vision documents?
  - Why does the Brixham Vision include completed projects like South Quay?
  - How will language be adapted to reflect Brixham's identity?
  - How will the document capture diversity across Torbay?
5. The following responses were received:
  - The purpose of the documents was a regeneration vision to attract external investment, rather than being a delivery plan.
  - The Brixham Vision document was a living tool for events such as UK Real Estate Investment and Infrastructure Forum (UKREIIF) and investor engagement which promotes Brixham and identifies potential investment options.
  - Feedback had been received from Brixham Town Council which would be incorporated into the final version presented to Cabinet in respect of local identity.
  - Focus remains on regeneration of three town centres; community diversity was noted for consideration for future updates.
  - The documents will clearly state their purpose as an investment vision.

## **5. Conclusion**

- 5.1 The Board reflected and debated the information provided to them, both verbal and written and formed the following recommendations to the Cabinet. On being put to the vote, the motion was declared carried unanimously.

## **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 That the Cabinet be recommended:
1. that, subject to the inclusion of the comments made by Brixham Town Council and it being made clearer that the intention of the document is a regeneration vision document to encourage external investment in Brixham rather than what the Council will deliver, and inclusion of reference to the ferry and park and ride, the Cabinet approve the use of the Brixham Vision document to steer both the delivery of current regeneration sites and the development of future proposals for the sites and areas of public realm identified by the vision as suggested priorities;
  2. that subject to it being made clearer that the intention of the document is a regeneration vision document to encourage external investment in Torbay rather than what the Council will deliver and the document reviewed to ensure that suitable provision for cycling is included, the Cabinet approve the use of the Torbay Vision document to provide an overarching strategic place vision that works with the three Town Centre Visions and influences the delivery of current regeneration sites and the development of future proposals for the sites and areas of public realm identified by the vision as suggested priorities; and
  3. that the documents are updated as and when is necessary by presenting the revised document and evidence base to Cabinet.

## **Background Papers**

[Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Board on Thursday, 4 December 2025, 5.30 pm](#)