



## Minutes of the Torbay Strategic Partnership

16 June 2011

**-: Present :-**

### **Members of the Partnership:**

Mayor

Mayor Gordon Oliver

Councillor David Thomas

Anthony Farnsworth

Stephen Criddle

Dave Hodgetts

Julian Tuck

Alan Denby (In place of Simon Wilson)

Rachel Martin (In place of Rose Sanders)

Councillor Chris Lewis (In place of Carol Tozer)

Jim Nye (In place of Steve Swani)

Andy Rowse (In place of Steve West)

Torbay Care Trust

Further Education

Community Partnerships

Housing Partnership

Torbay Economic Development Company

Community and Voluntary Action Torbay

Children's Trust Board

Devon and Cornwall Constabulary

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service

### **Also present:**

Lisa Warrillow, Elizabeth Raikes (Torbay Council), Caroline Taylor (Torbay Council), Bernard Page (Torbay Council), Debbie Stark (Torbay Care Trust), Ian Ansell (Devon & Cornwall Probation Trust), Town Councillor Jackie Stockman (Brixham Town Council), Anne Mattock (Link), Adele Dawson (South Devon College), Doug Haines (Torbay Care NHS Trust), Debbie Passmore, Liz Porter and Jo Beer

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### **373. Election of Chairman/woman.**

Councillor David Thomas be elected to be the Chairman of the TSP for the forthcoming year.

### **374. Apologies.**

Apologies for absence were received from Board Members: Carol Tozer (Learning and Skills for the Future – Children's Trust SCP - who was represented by Councillor Chris Lewis), Steve West (Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service – who was represented by Andy Rowse), Simon Wilson (Torbay Development Agency Ltd – who was represented by Alan Denby), Steve Swani (Devon and Cornwall Police – who was represented by Jim Nye), Rose Sanders (Stronger and Healthier Communities SCP and Third Sector Lead, voluntary and

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Community Services Torbay – who was represented by Rachel Martin) and Councillor Steve Darling (Torbay Council); and Observers: Ray Harris (Devon and Somerset Rescue Service) and Sue Cheriton (Torbay Council).

### 375. Review of Torbay Strategic Partnership Membership and Governance.

The Partnership considered a report which advised that 2011/12 would be a year of change and transition for Local Strategic Partnerships. This provided the Partnership with an opportunity to review the shape and purpose of the Partnership in Torbay. The report highlighted the key changes which included the introduction of Health and Wellbeing Boards and Local Enterprise Partnerships, under the ten day rule the Partnership agreed that the number of Torbay Strategic Partnership (TSP) meetings be reduced from six to three per year and that three Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board meetings take their place.

The Partnership also discussed a proposed membership structure and a request for Brixham Town Council, English Riviera Tourism Company, the Probation Service and Torbay Link to become Members of the TSP. Alan Denby advised the Partnership that the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) did not wish to be a member of the TSP and that a Private Sector representative should be sought.

Some Members requested that the membership remain at 14 representatives to ensure the Partnership remained strategic however observers would be welcomed.

The membership structure was agreed as:

<b>Structure for 2011/12</b>	
<b>Category/Organisation</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Mayor of Torbay	Gordon Oliver
Devon and Cornwall Constabulary	Chief Superintendent Steve Swani
Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service	Steve West
Torbay Care Trust	Chair of Care Trust - Anthony Farnsworth
Voluntary and Community Services	Chair of CVS - Liam McGrath
Business Sector/Economic Development Company	Simon Wilson
Children's Trust	Carol Tozer
Community Partnerships	Dave Hodgetts (Chair of Management Group)
Housing Partnership	Julian Tuck
Further Education	Stephen Criddle
Chair of Overview and Scrutiny (Observer)	Councillor John Thomas
Torbay Council (Lib Dem)	Councillor Steve Darling
Torbay Council (Con)	Councillor Dave Thomas
Private Sector	To be determined

**376. Appointment of Vice-Chairman/woman.**

The Partnership appointed Simon Wilson as the Vice-Chairman of the Partnership for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

**377. Minutes.**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Partnership held on 17 March 2011 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to it being recorded that under minute 362/03/11 Debbie Stark was also called out of the meeting to deal with a major incident.

**378. Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

Arising from Minute 368/03/11, Members were advised that the bid for the South Devon Link Road was approaching a critical stage and all members were urged to submit their written support of the bid.

Agreed:

- i) that a letter of support be submitted on behalf of the TSP;
- ii) that a letter be drafted and disseminated to partners for staff members to personalise and submit to the Government; and
- iii) that the use of media such as newspapers and facebook be encouraged to support the South Devon Link Road.

**379. Torbay Connected Case Study.**

Members received and noted a presentation from Mischa Eligoloff on Torbay Connected an approach which links places by using culture. Through integrating cultural projects into our buildings and spaces in a structured way we form a strong foundation for exploring and showcasing our rich of cultural, geological and social heritage that will help to promote distinctive and enjoyable places for both residents and visitors.

**380. Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) and Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Way Forward.**

Members received a presentation which set out concerns with regards to the changes in funding for employment and skills schemes. The Partnership was also advised that the EMA scheme would be replaced by a bursary scheme which would not be as inclusive as the EMA.

Agreed:

- i) partners work to reduce financial barriers to young people's participation in education;
- ii) TSP partners actively support and sign up to Public Sector Compact proposal as agreed in March 2010;

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- iii) partners support enterprise education for young people in the Bay by funding the Young Enterprise Scheme in Torbay schools. South Devon Enterprise Week and other initiatives;
- iv) help schools and colleges develop employability of young people by supporting work placements, work experience and employability fairs
- v) help encourage graduate level jobs by supporting local University Level education, projects, placements and internships;
- vi) improve access to Enterprise support and mentoring through a co-ordinated and accessible offer of enterprise and business support; and
- vii) consider taking on an apprentice, next time you have a vacancy.

### **381. Index of Deprivation 2010 Analysis.**

Members received a presentation on the analysis of the 2010 deprivation index. Members noted that the 2010 indices uses primarily 2008 data with the overall indices being made up of seven weighted domains. In particular members noted that Torbay's relative position nationally has worsened compared to 2007. However there were improvements in relative position for rank of income/employment scales.

Agreed:

- i) an Indices of Multiple Deprivation summary fact sheet be produced to support lobbying and funding bids;
- ii) the TSP committed to enabling i-bay to undertake further analysis;
- iii) relevant updated data since 2008 to be identified;
- iv) the Closing the Gap Partnership Group examine the issues being highlighted for Watcombe; and
- v) the Safer Communities Group examine the issues being highlighted for Roundham with Hyde.

### **382. Update on 'Developing the Future of the Third Sector in Torbay'.**

The Partnership received a report which provided an update of three key themes of the 'Developing the Future of the Third Sector in Torbay' plan which were Commissioning Civil Society Organisations, Building on the Compact and Ensuring the Successful Development and Delivery.

The Partnership noted that CVA Torbay is the lead agency of Torcom, the Torbay Consortium. Through the 'Civil Society Research Project' and consultation with the members of Torcom, it has been identified that Torbay needs one strong influential sector lead. Therefore the role of Torcom, The Torbay Consortium will be incorporated as one of the core functions of CVA Torbay.

Agreed:

- i) over the next three months the TSP to review the combined Partnership Improvement Action Plan, updating where necessary, thus committing all agencies represented to move forward in the successful development of the Civil Society in Torbay; and

- ii) the TSP supported the decision of the sector to combine the functions of CVA Torbay and Torcom, The Torbay Consortium into one entity.

**383. Torbay Infrastructure Delivery Plan.**

Members noted the report which set out the Torbay Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

**384. Ten Day Rule Reports.**

Members noted Report TDR/TSP/11/2011 on changes in Joint Commissioning Need (Torbay's 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)) – Revised, which was considered under the ten day rule.

Members also noted Report TDR/TSP/12/2011 on the Establishment of Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board and Changes to Commissioning Architecture, which was considered under the ten day rule.

**385. Update from Children's Trust Commissioning Board (Learning & Skills for the Future).**

Members noted the minutes of the meeting of the Children's Trust Commissioning Partnership (Learning and Skills for the Future) held on 10 March 2011 in live with the governance arrangements.

**386. Date of Next Meeting.**

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as 15 September 2011 at 3.00 p.m. in the Town Hall, Torquay.

Chairman

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