

Community Plan

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Foreword by Chair of Torbay Strategic Partnership

Welcome to Torbay's Community Plan

We are proud of the way partners have worked together to deliver on the Community Plan Priorities and the Local Area Agreement (LAA). We have seen many successes over the last 3 years.

This refreshed plan has been developed and prepared by the Torbay Strategic Partnership on behalf of all the residents of Torbay, building on the previous community plan 'Turning the Tide for Torbay'. It outlines the Partnership's ambition for Torbay over the next 20 years bringing together the views of residents as well as representatives from the business, community and voluntary sectors.

Four key challenges have emerged from the refreshment:

- Developing our economy and responding to the recession
- Opportunities for older people and the challenges of providing services for an ageing population
- Climate Change – reducing our carbon footprint and the increased risk of flooding
- Improving quality of life for the least well off in our society

The plan aims to unlock Torbay's potential and drive forward its economic prosperity to give us prosperous communities with a higher quality of life and improved access to jobs. The need for economic regeneration is supported by a host of statistics and national indicators that predict low paid work and little prospects for the future unless something is done about it.

The ambition is directed by four key themes: Pride in the Bay, Stronger Communities, Learning and Skills for the Future and, underpinning it all, the New Economy. Together this focus will give us community prosperity for the people of the Bay.

Agencies and organisations cannot deliver the plan alone and our aim is to inspire and involve the community to get everyone working together to make Torbay a better place to live.

We must bring communities together celebrating diversity and the contribution all can make to deliver our priorities.

This is a long term plan and it will be reviewed to take into account any changes or new opportunities. It represents an important milestone in achieving our goals for the future.

(Chair)

On behalf of the Torbay Strategic Partnership

Moving forward from the last community plan

The Community Plan outlines the Partnership's ambition for Torbay over the next 20 years bringing together the views of residents as well as representatives from the business, community and voluntary sector.

The Community Plan was first launched in July 2007. The 2010 refreshment takes onboard issues that have emerged over the last 3 years.

Four new key challenges have been identified;

- Developing our economy and responding to the recession
- Opportunities for older people and the challenges of providing services for an ageing population
- Climate Change – reducing our carbon footprint and the increased risk of flooding
- Improving quality of life for the least well off in our society

These are cross cutting issues that will be addressed by all quadrants of our Community Plan Wheel.

Ambition for the Bay – what we want Torbay to become in 10-20 years

Our ambition for Torbay

- a prosperous area known to be a great place to live and learn and grow up in
- an area where we compete on a world stage in our traditional industries of tourism and fishing
- an area where communities know and support each other and enjoy some of the best quality of life in England
- an area that widens opportunities and provides high quality employment and retains our young people in the Bay
- an area that celebrates the differences in the three towns, builds on the strengths of these towns and brings back the feel-good factor

We have identified the following four key themes that will make the biggest difference to our ambitions.

What we have achieved so far 2007-2010

Since the Community Plan was launched in 2007 we have seen many successes and achievements including:

Pride in the Bay

Keeping Torbay's streets clean - We invested £1.5 million in street cleansing last year. We have also implemented a number of measures aimed at driving up standards of local environmental quality. We launched a series of campaigns to tackle the problem of litter on our streets.

As part of one scheme council officers targeted cigarette litter hotspots and issued Fixed Penalty Notices to those caught throwing away their cigarette butts. We also purchased and installed 80 cigarette bins on standard public litter and 25 wall mounted cigarette bins.

The council also joined forces with Keep Britain Tidy in a one month national campaign to put the brakes on motorists who throw rubbish from their vehicles.

At Brixham Harbour, we supported the Fishing for Litter South West campaign, which aims to clear the sea of rubbish. Local fishermen were enlisted and encouraged to bring ashore litter caught in their nets.

Improving the quality of culture in the Bay - Torre Abbey reopened after a multi-million pound makeover. The £6.56 million first phase of the project has seen fantastic improvements made to the building and new displays, galleries and world renowned exhibitions.

2009 was a huge success for Torre Abbey with the council attracting the Arts Council Collection to bring Antony Gormley's 'Field for the British Isles' to the historic Spanish Barn.

In total, 38,307 people came to see 'Field for the British Isles' over the six weeks and visiting figures at the adjacent Abbey were up 120%. In total, the value of the press coverage and investment from visitors generated from Antony Gormley's exhibition is more than £860,000.

This fantastic achievement came from an initial investment of £5,000 and its success has enabled the council to secure more 'big name' artists including Damien Hirst and his controversial work 'Mother and Child, Divided' has been exhibited summer 2010.

Geo-park Status - In September 2007 Torbay was successfully awarded Geopark status. Joining only 52 other designated sites worldwide. This recognition allows us to capitalise further on our natural assets, with a particular focus on sustainable development and the tourism benefits that this status will bring.

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Improving transport - We have worked with bus operators to improve the frequency and reliability of services. Since 2002 the number of bus passengers has increased to 7,824,000 in 2008/09, an increase of 1.4 million journeys in Torbay. Year on year this represented a 5.4% increase, compared to the England average of 0.5% (outside London).

We successfully bid for £4.1 million for improvements at Tweenaway Cross from the Government's Growth Fund. The project will overcome transport problems on the western corridor, in particular between Kings Ash Road and Tweenaway Cross. The improvements are essential to the delivery of the Bay's future growth.

We have continued to support the national Concessionary Fares Scheme with over 35,000 passes issued and over 3.8 million journeys made by April 2009.

Learning and skills for the Future

Multi million building boost for Torbay schools - We have made significant progress in improving school accommodation;

- Torquay Community College, a new building incorporating innovative flexible design to enhance modern learning opportunities, was heralded by Building Schools for the Future as an exemplar of best practice and designated as a National Challenge School to share lessons learnt with other authorities
- A new school at Kings Ash to replace the outdated Foxhole Primary; Paignton Sports and Community College sports hub providing new facilities to enhance the college's provision for sport
- New purpose built classrooms offering light and airy learning environments at Cockington Primary, a new Children's Centre and excellent early years facilities at Acorns pre-school with the latest designs in outdoor play equipment
- The £1.2million modernisation of Sherwell Valley Primary School with new classrooms and an outdoor teaching area. A new sixth form at Torbay Girls Grammar School. Improvements to existing buildings at Brixham C of E Primary and St. Cuthbert Mayne. A new nursery, reception classroom and children's centre with community space at Furzeham Primary School; Planned improvements at Roselands Primary School and the dining facilities at Oldway Primary and Hayes Primary.

Raising attainment - Torbay schools celebrated success at Key Stage 2 with English and Maths results improving over the last three years. Pupils overall progress from KS1 – 2 has also improved in the Bay. At Key Stage 4 performance continues to improve well with more pupils gaining five or more grades A* to C including English and Mathematics than the national average.

New University Centre - The strategic partnership is pleased to see the opening of a new £8 million University Centre at South Devon College in October 2010. The landmark building will provide state of the art learning facilities for local higher education learners wanting to progress their university level aspirations here in Torbay.

My Place - We are advancing our scheme to build a world class youth centre to be called MyPlace, at Parkfield House in Paignton. The project is progressing with the help of a group of enthusiastic young teenagers and an extensive community consultation process involving 3,000 young people.

We received confirmation of the £4,875,000 grant from the Myplace BIG Lottery Fund on behalf of the Department of Children, Schools and Families (DCSF). This means that the project is on programme to start on site in summer 2010 and will be fully operational by August 2011.

Creating Opportunities for young people - Unemployed young people in Torbay continue to be helped into employment, education, or training. Connexions in Torbay, the specialist careers and advisory service which helps all 13-19 year olds to enter learning and apprenticeships, have achieved their NEET (not in employment, education or training) target of 5.0% set by government. Torbay is among the top performing areas in the country and since 2007 there has been a 2.3% reduction in the number of (NEETS).

Stronger Communities

A Safer Bay - Working with the Police, Fire Service, Probation and Health as part of our Safer Communities Partnership we have seen some great successes in 2009/10. Compared with 2008/09:

- Domestic burglaries are down by 24.3%
- Criminal damage has fallen by 12.7%
- Theft from vehicles is down by 16.5%
- Overall crime has reduced by 12%

Our successful Family Intervention Project (FIP) has now helped 26 families and over 100 children across Torbay. By working intensively with families for an average of between 12 and 18 months, our FIP is reducing criminal and anti-social behaviour and helping prevent homelessness.

Paignton Library – The new Paignton Library has opened. The new Library and Information Centre includes the library, a multi-purpose meeting space, a café, a media suite and toilets with a Changing Places toilet facility. It will also provide centralised facilities for a number of agencies including Connections, adult and community learning and, at a later date, community police.

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The £6.4 million project on Station Lane is being funded by Torbay Council and the Big Lottery Fund. The building has been sympathetically designed to reflect the history of the former railway and goods yard site and recently achieved an environmental rating of 'very good'.

Fit Bay Success - The Fit Bay Scheme is designed for people who wish to become more active but don't know how to get started, or those who wish to learn how to remain active despite long term health complications. Since its inception the scheme has seen over 1350 people and 75% of those who sign up to the plan remain active at their 3 month follow up. Those referred to the programme are provided with a personally tailored plan of activity, which meets their needs and gradually increases the frequency and level of physical activity. The 10 week programme operates in seven different venues.

Volunteering - More people are taking action to help their communities with an increase in volunteering from 15% to 17.6% and a further 320 people supporting charitable organisations as trustees.

New Economy

Incubation units - bringing businesses to life Following the success of the first Torbay Innovation Centre at South Devon College, new units at Lymington Road, Torquay opened in the summer providing managed workspace to help fledgling businesses grow and encourage entrepreneurs.

Supporting business development The vision for a Business Improvement District (BID) within each of the three towns is becoming a reality. A new Torbay Town Centres Company (TTCC) has been formed to oversee the BIDS. The company will support the business improvement district project, helping to stimulate future growth and prosperity across the Bay's town centres.

Brixham regeneration The new fish market in Brixham has been completed and officially opened. The development is part of the town's £20 million regeneration project, which aims to rejuvenate the town's economy and provide fishing and non-fishing related jobs for people in Brixham.

Phase 1 works have already been completed, providing a new extended quay deck, employment units, infrastructure and associated services such as power and water supplies.

Work on phase 2 of the scheme started at the end of June 2009. This phase includes the construction of the new fish market, restaurant and office facilities. These works are due to finish in November 2010.

The project is being funded by Torbay Council, the South West RDA (Regional Development Agency), the European Regional Development Fund and the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance.

Exciting times ahead for Bay's tourism - A new English Riviera Tourism Company is being set up to revitalise Torbay's tourism industry and secure its long term future. The public/private partnership organisation aims to boost visitor numbers and spending in the Bay, to increase the value of tourism to the economy, and to reposition the English Riviera as a leading UK destination.

Local Area Agreement

In 2007 the Partnership entered into a Local Area Agreement with government to deliver stretching targets on our priorities. Successful delivery had the potential to bring in £3.9m reward payment. Through effective partnership working we qualified for 88% of the total reward. Unfortunately through government cuts the reward payable was reduced by 50%. Despite this an impressive £1.75m has been claimed.

Reward funding has already been earmarked to enable successful delivery of priorities to continue in the following areas

- Safer Communities £250,000 over 2 years
- Shekinah Mission £80,000 over 2 years
- Hele Neighbourhood management pilot £ 77,000
- Voluntary sector £55,000
- Housing £250,000 capital

Local Area Agreement outcomes

- Outcomes for young people have improved with an additional 322 young people gaining accredited outcomes compared with 2005/6. The number of young people not in education training or employment reduced from 5.9% in 2006/7 to 3.6% in 2009/10 or 4.1% currently??? Don't know which figure you would prefer to use?
- More people with a history of offending, substance misuse and homelessness have been supported to become integrated into society with 175 ex offenders completing a 'skills for life programme' 127 above target. 39 people have completed work trials and obtained work and 52 have been resettled in to housing.
- Young peoples re-offending rates have reduced significantly with rates reducing by 3.23% from 21% to 17.77%. Violent crime linked to the night time economy has reduced from 721 per annum in 2005/6 to 416. People feel more informed about what is being done to tackle anti- social behaviour in their local area.
- Our focus on dealing with domestic violence has resulted in an increase in the percentage incidents resulting in a sanction increasing from 33% to 48%, with repeat incidents from cases reduced from 1.9-1.4%
- More people are taking action to help their communities with an increase in volunteering form 15% to 17.9% and a further 309 people supporting charitable organizations as trustees.

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Pride in the Bay

What is Torbay like now? **Statistics under review**

- Torbay has an outstanding coastal environment with unspoilt coastline offering some breathtaking views. Along a 22 mile stretch, over 20 safe beaches and secluded coves comprise the aptly named English Riviera. This is important for tourism, the local economy and quality of life. We have over 100 parks and green spaces alongside key attractions.
 - The Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust manages 1800 acres of land including Berry Head National Nature Reserve, Cockington Country Park and Craft Studios, Goodrington Seashore Centre, six SSSIs (Sites of special scientific interest).and the South West Coast Path through Torbay, and estimate that around 750,000 people use these places each year.
 - Torbay's urban environment is mixed. We have some high quality residential neighbourhoods and outstanding buildings. Parts of our town centres need regeneration people want to see further improvements in reducing litter.
 - Culture is one of the fastest growing business sectors in Torbay. However, cultural participation is varied. 23.6% of Torbay's adult population participate in sport and active recreation.
 - Our waste recycling rate is above the national average. All our rubbish is disposed of outside Torbay's boundaries. However, our bio-degradable landfill figures will soon exceed the Government's targets, leading to financial penalties. The landfill Torbay currently utilises will be at capacity in 2016.
 - The growth in our bus services and increased cycling rates are a big success story, as are the major environmental improvements and pedestrian priority schemes in some of our
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shopping streets. However, we also have some localised congestion in parts of our town centres and on and off street parking problems.

- Being a coastal area we are aware of the potential impact of rising sea levels over the next 20-30 years. We are in the process of preparing a climate change strategy.
- A new company, TOR2, has recently taken over operational delivery of the following local services in Torbay, waste and recycling collections, management of the Household Waste and Recycling Centre, maintenance of Torbay's highways, grounds, parks, car parks, public toilets, other buildings and the Council's vehicle fleet, street and beach cleansing and a out of hours call centre support. TOR2 is an innovative Joint Venture Company owned by May Gurney (80%) and Torbay Council (20%) that will deliver service improvements and value for money. Torbay Council has chosen to partner May Gurney because they offer an innovative and integrated service with significant benefits to Torbay and its residents. These include savings of £10 million over 10 years, new employment opportunities and a sustainable business approach which will lead to a 30,000 tonne annual reduction in carbon, the equivalent of taking 10,000 cars off the road. These improvements will help Torbay increase recycling and cut down on the amount of waste ending up in landfill sites and will enable residents to recycle up to 85% of their waste, with all residents able to recycle the same materials.

Together we can.....

- Create and maintain quality environments that are clean, safe and pleasant
- Improve the quality and quantity of culture on offer in Torbay
- Make it easier to get around Torbay
- Be proud to provide high quality services to visitors and residents

We will achieve this together by.....

- **Having cleaner and greener well kept public spaces**
- **Raising awareness of cultural activities in the Bay for all to increase participation**
- **Improving cycleways and bus networks**
- **Building on the quality of customer services in Torbay**
- **Reducing waste and increase recycling and composting**
- **Reducing carbon emissions and responding to the impact of climate change**
- **Promoting an active Bay - People working together to improve Torbay**

How will we measure our success?

Measure	Baseline	Target 2011/12	Target 2012/13	Target 2013/14
Reduction in litter				
Reduction in graffiti				
Increased engagement in arts and cultural activities				
Improve access to services and facilities by using public transport, walking and cycling				
Public transport running on time				
Increased general satisfaction with the local area				
Increased amount of waste recycled				
Improving energy efficiency in homes				
Public satisfaction with the way partners work together to deliver services.				

To be further developed following finalisation of partner budgets

Learning and skills for the future

What is Torbay like now? **Statistics under Review**

- There are a growing number of children and young people with health issues?
- Our schools have performed well on the whole in inspections and none is in an Ofsted category of concern; our further education provision is outstanding
- Attainment levels has improved for Key stage 2 and 4
- The percentage of primary and secondary school pupils with a Statement of Special Education Needs is above the national average
- The council works together with South Devon College, Connexions, the Young People's Learning Agency, and the National Apprenticeship Service. to enable young people to improve their job and career prospects
- We work together with the Skills Funding Agency and South Devon College to raise skill levels and qualifications in adults
- School attendance is improvin
- As older people become an ever more significant proportion of our society we need to continue to support them to acquire new skills and contribute to the workforce

Together we can.....

- Ensure every child and young person in Torbay is supported and helped to achieve the best outcomes they can
- Ensure every child and young person in Torbay lives in safety and good health, is well educated, enjoys their childhood and contributes positively to community life
- Support families to care for their children
- Make a positive difference to children and families in Torbay

We will achieve this together by.....

- **Raising attainment at all stages of education**
 - **Improving attendance and behaviour at education settings**
 - **Ensuring all children and young people are protected from abuse and neglect and feel safe and supported in their families and communities**
 - **Increasing participation in positive activities**
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- **Reducing the number of teenagers becoming pregnant**
- **Reducing the number of children and young people living in poverty**
- **Raising skills at all stages of learning level and education**
- **Increasing work with voluntary sector to raise skills through work experience community development**

How will we measure our success?

Measure	Baseline	Target 2011/12	Target 2012/13	Target 2013/14
Achievement of 5 or more A-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths				
Increase awareness of learning opportunities and participation across the Bay				
Reduction in secondary school absence rates				
Reduction in the rate of permanent exclusions from schools				
Reduction in the number of children and young people subjected to abuse and neglect				
Increase in the number of young people participating in positive activities				
Reduce the rate of conception amongst girls under 18 years of age				
Increase in the number of people volunteering				

To be further developed following finalisation of partner budgets

The new economy

(Wheel with new economy highlighted)

What is Torbay like now? Statistics under review

- Torbay's Gross Value Added (GVA) is the fifth lowest in Cornwall and the Isle of Scilly and 63% of the national average. GVA is the difference between the value of goods and services produced and the cost of raw materials and other inputs that are used up in production. It is a key indicator of economic prosperity
- Unemployment is high by comparison with the South West and England and many jobs are poorly paid and this leads to high benefit dependency
- The Bay is a popular destination for early retirement. This means the number of people of working age who are not working is high
- It costs eight times the average salary to buy an average priced house in the Bay
- Too many young people are leaving the Bay

Together we can.....

- Increase Value and Improve Economic Performance of Key Sectors
- Encourage Appropriate Diversification of the Economic Base
- Provide Business and Infrastructure Support for Economic Growth
- Develop Skills and Learning Opportunities
- Support our Communities to achieve a Higher Quality of Life

We will work together to achieve these priorities by

- **Attracting inward investment to Torbay**
 - **Ensuring that the infrastructure e.g. premises, transport, road links and communications is in place to support economic growth**
 - **Delivering major regeneration to build on partnership working with the private sector**
 - **Encouraging sustainable business growth**
 - **Making the economy more inclusive**
 - **Committing to social enterprise**
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- **Committing to employment of older people (50 plus)**

How will we measure our success?

Measure	Baseline	Target 2011/12	Target 2012/13	Target 2013/14
Increase in companies investing in Torbay				
Improved infrastructure				
Increased regeneration in Torbay				
Businesses are sustainable and continue to grow and develop				
Increased opportunities for local people to set up enterprises				
Increased opportunities for older people (50 plus) to continue to work				

To be further developed following finalisation of partner budgets

Stronger Communities

(wheel with stronger communities highlighted)

What is Torbay like now? Statistics under review

- Torbay is a relatively low crime area ,except for criminal damage, crime rates are falling but the fear of crime remains
- The condition of housing stock in Torbay is worse than in surrounding areas and does not meet the Decent Homes Standard
- There is a wealth of older and younger people who volunteer on a regular basis to help shape their local community
- Torbay has a higher percentage of older people (43% compared to the national average of 33.5% in 2006) compared to some areas and this brings the opportunity to make sure older people's wisdom is fully part of our community
- Torbay is becoming more diverse as a community with growth in population from Europe and elsewhere, and this brings opportunities as well as challenges to ensure we stay a cohesive community

Together we can.....

- Create a safe place to live, work and visit
- Have access to good quality housing and support education, training and employment
- Live in healthier communities and have happy, independent and healthy lives
- Develop our own communities and treat each other with respect and consideration
- Value the contribution that older people can make to the economy and life in Torbay.

We will work together to achieve these priorities by.....

- **Ensuring people feel safe and confident in our ability to deal with crime and Anti Social Behaviour**
 - **Ensuring people have access to good quality homes and a supportive neighbourhood**
 - **Ensuring the number of people from health harm in our community is reduced**
 - **Inspiring and empowering the community to find new and exciting solutions to the things that matter to them creating opportunities for all**
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- **Reducing Inequalities in Torbay**
- **Ensuring diversity is a positive part of life in the Bay and an economic as well as a cultural and social asset**
- **People living in our more disadvantaged communities have a better quality of life, prioritise “first and most”**
- **Recognising and valuing the contribution older people can make and ensuring that they benefit from the Bay’s economic success**
- **Supporting vulnerable people to live independently having choice and control over the support they receive**

How will we measure our success?

Measure	Baseline	Target 2011/12	Target 2012/13	Target 2013/14
People feel safe in their local environment				
Reducton in re-offending rates				
Increased number of people believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in local area				
Increase in the number of people who are supported to live independently				
Increased satisfaction of people over 65 with both home and neighbourhood				
Decrease in the number of people admitted to hospital from health harm				
Increase in the number of people who feel they can make a difference to their community				
Reduction in smoking				
Develop locaility working model				

Reduction in repeat incidence of Domestic Violence				
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To be further developed following finalisation of partner budgets

Locality working

Torbay’s communities are diverse in nature with differing needs. This is recognised within the plan. Torbay has 12 Community Partnerships who provided their input to the Plan and have developed their own locally based priorities to deliver the Community Plan at a local level. A summary of these action plans can be found at appendix 1. **(To be added)**

How we will monitor our progress

The Torbay Strategic Partnership (TSP) has been established as a way to involve local people and organisations in shaping the future of Torbay. The Partnership is designed to provide strategic direction on the development and implementation of the community plan.

Individual agencies and partnerships will be responsible for delivery of the ‘four quarters of the wheel’ which together will help improve the overarching ambition of improving economic prosperity in the Bay to give us community prosperity.

The lead for these individual ‘quarters’ or themes will be asked to provide a progress report on their respective targets to the meeting of the TSP in each year. These reports will be examined and will be available publicly through our website. Progress against linked strategies will also be monitored at individual partnership level.

Each year we aim to have two events that will enable stakeholders to have their say, update the plan, look at new opportunities and identify where we need to concentrate our efforts in subsequent years. You can help by giving us your views as we need the energy and direction of local people to help in the delivery of our ambitions for the Bay.

A three year action plan has been developed and the TSP will monitor progress against these targets and report back to the Community on a six monthly basis. All reports will be published on our TSP website and summarised in our newsletters.

We will work together as different agencies in order to make sure we deliver on our commitments in the community plan. That will be against a background of challenge from elected members and

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other individuals as part of the scrutiny process. They will check that we are on track and we will welcome this challenge as we make progress.

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Key statistics about the Bay

- 1) **Resident population:** Torbay's resident population is projected to grow by 17.2% from 134,000 in 2009 to 157,000 in 2033. It is also expected that nationally the population will increase by 17.2% compared to a projected increase of 20.3% for the South West region.
- 2) **Older population:** The proportion of older people (people aged 50 and over) in the resident population has increased since the 2001 Census from 42.6% to 44.1% in 2009. This increase is projected to continue to 49.7% in 2033. This projected growth is in line with the national trends, however regionally the proportion of older people in 2033 is projected to be 43.9% and 39.1% nationally.
- 3) **Young population:** While the actual number of young people (people aged 19 and under) is projected to increase from 28,900 in 2009 to 31,100 in 2033, the proportion of the population they represent is projected to drop from 21.5% in 2009 to 19.8% in 2033. This is in line with the national and regional trend.
- 4) **Diverse Population:** Torbay's non-white population has virtually doubled in recent years. From 0.7% in 1991 to 1.2% in 2001. According to experimental population estimates from the Office for National Statistics (ONS), it is estimated that the proportion of the population who are non-white has increased further to 3%. The overall Black or Minority Ethnic population is estimated to be at 6% in these experimental figures. Following the expansion of the European Union, there had been a large increase in migrant workers on the Worker Registration Scheme between 2004 and 2007. However the numbers of registrations have decreased in recent years from 400 in 2006/07 to just 75 in 2009/10.
- 5) **Economic challenges:** Earnings for residents of Torbay are significantly lower than the national figure, £19,468 or 74.5% of the national median annual gross pay £26,148. Average annual gross earnings for residents in Torbay are also the lowest across the South West.

Torbay in the broader South-west context

To be added:

- Details emerging from the formation of Local Enterprise Partnership