Record of Officer Decision

Changes to Planning Application Fees

Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

Director of Finance on 25 November 2026

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

The Government has approved a revised schedule of planning application fees for England with effect from 8 December 2026. The revised fees are intended to enable local planning authorities to recover a greater proportion of the costs associated with processing planning applications. The changes affect a range of application types including householder applications, prior approval applications, Permission in Principle applications, applications relating to planning conditions and lawful development certificates.

Decision Taken:

That the revised national planning application fees, as set out in the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) (Amendment and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2026, be implemented from 8 December 2026.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:

The revised fees are prescribed nationally and are intended to increase cost recovery for local planning authorities. Implementing the revised fee schedule will ensure compliance with statutory requirements and support the continued delivery of the planning service.

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected and Background Papers:

An alternative option would be not to implement the revised fee schedule. This option has been discounted as planning application fees are set nationally through legislation and the Council is required to apply the prescribed fees from the commencement date.

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation:

None.

Implementation:

This decision will take effect on 8 December 2026.

A copy of this decision and any supporting documentation considered by the Officer taking this decision may also be available for inspection by the public at the Council's officers or posted upon payment of any copying and postage charges. Any member of the public wishing to take up either of these options is asked to please ring (01803) 207087 or email governance.support@torbay.gov.uk

Signed: _____ Date: 25 November 2026
(Director of Finance)