



Friday, 10 July 2026

Torbay Place Leadership Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, 20 July 2026 at 9.00 am

to be held in Banking Hall, Castle Circus entrance on the left corner of the Town Hall, Castle
Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3DR

Membership

Jim Parker
Tracey Cabache
Carolyn Custerson
Steve Darling
Vince Flower
Laurence Frewin
Glenn George
Chris Hart
Alison Hernandez
Stephen Kings
Peter Knight
Richard Marsh

Nick Powe
Steve Reynolds
Councillor David Thomas
Lee Tozer
Caroline Voaden
Alan Denby
Anne-Marie Bond
Nigel Yelland
Mike Westcott
Chris Balch
Rt. Rev. James Grier

1. **Apologies**
To receive apologies for absence, including notifications of any changes to the membership of the Board.
2. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 4)
To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 15 June 2026.
3. **Declarations of Interest**
 - a) To receive declarations of non pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda

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- b)** To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda

For reference: Where a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest he/she must leave the meeting during consideration of the item. However, the Member may remain in the meeting to make representations, answer questions or give evidence if the public have a right to do so, but having done so the Member must then immediately leave the meeting, may not vote and must not improperly seek to influence the outcome of the matter. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

(Please Note: If Members and Officers wish to seek advice on any potential interests they may have, they should contact Governance Support or Legal Services prior to the meeting.)

4. Urgent Items

To consider any other items that the Chair decides are urgent.

5. Local Government Reorganisation

To discuss the outcome and implications of the LGR decision.

6. Any Other Business



Minutes of the Torbay Place Leadership Board

15 June 2026

-: Present :-

Jim Parker (Chair), Steve Darling, Vince Flower, Laurence Frewin, Steve Reynolds, Lee Tozer, Alan Denby and Kirsty Brodest

(Guests: Richard Bellamy and Jerome Tait (Historic England), Connor Conneely (Torbay Council))

Also in attendance: Simon Bellamy, Teresa Buckley, Jon-Paul Hedge)

33. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Anne Marie Bond, Alison Hernandez and David Thomas.

34. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Torbay Place Leadership Board held on 20 April 2026 were confirmed as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of Vince Flower under the list of apologies.

35. Arts Council England - Shared Priorities, and the Torbay Place Leadership Board's Role (Nema Hart and Kirsty Brodest)

Nema Hart and Kirsty Brodest gave a presentation to the Board, on the Arts Council England's role in championing, nurturing and developing artistic and cultural experiences. The presentation was welcomed along with confirmation that Torbay has now been granted priority status by the Arts Council. It was felt there is now a significant opportunity to build relationships and bring together the priorities of the Local Authority, private sector and community groups. The Board welcomed the significant investment and strategic development in the area, specifically in Paignton where there is already a noted National Portfolio Organisation in place. The Board recognised the health benefits of investments in the arts and queried the most effective way to build on the work already undertaken in partnership with Arts Council England.

The Board noted that uncertainty surrounding Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) meant that the capacity for development in this area is likely to be severely challenged in the coming months, but expressed a desire to utilise existing groups and networks to leverage the funding and other opportunities available. The ongoing development of the Paignton Place Leadership Board was discussed, and

Members expressed a desire to develop joined-up, strategic links with Arts Council England using this and other existing structures and bodies.

The Chair thanked Ms Hart and Ms Brodest for their presentation, and for the opportunities that now exist because of a closer working relationship. He also welcomed representatives of National Heritage Lottery and Historic England who are also key to achieving those aims.

Action - to continue ongoing discussions, and to bring back detailed proposals in September for the creation of formal relationships between Arts Council England and Torbay, Torquay and Paignton Place Boards (Jon Paul Hedge).

36. Government's Youth Guarantee (Lee Tozer, DWP)

Lee Tozer outlined the DWP-sponsored Youth Guarantee to the Board, which provides support for long-term unemployed young people. It was noted that the number of young people looking for work is high and continuing to climb. It was requested that Board Members do what they can to support the Scheme, including providing placements where appropriate.

Action – to circulate the presentation slides to Board Members (Jon Paul Hedge).

37. Health Innovation and Skills

Connor Conneely presented the submitted report, outlining the proposals for a joined up, place-based approach to tackling youth disengagement, health inequalities and economic inactivity. The Board discussed rising unemployment and the fragmentation of service provisions to tackle these issues, noting Central Government focus on not in employment, education or training (NEETs), and discussing possibilities for mentoring in less formal, more modern settings. The Board noted that these issues were by no means unique to the area. The Board generally endorsed the creation of a Council-led task and finish group to develop interventions and proposals and to report back to the Board regularly. It was agreed that Steve Darling MP and Vince Flower would be a part of this group.

38. LGR

It was agreed that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Board will be convened when the outcome of Local Government Reorganisation is known.

Chair