

Cabinet Response to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Board – Torquay Town Deal and Paignton Future High Street

No.	Recommendation:	Cabinet Response:
1.	To require developers and contractors to make a commitment to use local labour and/or apprenticeships, wherever possible, and to develop opportunities to retrain local people to enable them to have the relevant skills to help them to obtain local jobs, especially in the construction industry and to present regular updates on progress of the Torquay Town Deal and Paignton Future High Street programmes to the Overview and Scrutiny Board.	<p>The Council has led the adoption of a local wealth building approach and has brought together partners from across the public sector to address these issues. The partnership wants to be able to use the capital programmes and projects that are planned in Torbay to drive a wide range of benefits.</p> <p>In making this commitment to local wealth and social value the Council will specific scoreable social value requirements within tenders for these projects. This will be complemented later in the year by the introduction of a Build Torbay project where the Council and partners will collaborate to improve awareness of construction careers and work with the industry to make careers in construction a more visible and attractive option.</p>

2.	To explore opportunities for economic growth in Torquay within the business plans for the Torquay Town Deal to ensure, where possible, funding is spent to tackle the deep and underlying issues surrounding deprivation.	Aligned with the response to recommendation 1 the Council will continue to seek ways in which the maximum benefit of the Town Deal investment can be achieved. This will include identifying complementary opportunities for investment and support and leveraging in partners support, such as Dept for Work and Pensions, to help support those individuals and communities in need of help.
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