

Meeting: Cabinet

Date: 21 November 2023

Wards affected: All Wards

Report Title: Draft Community and Corporate Plan 2023-2043

When does the decision need to be implemented? Immediately

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Following the Local Elections in May 2023, a draft Community and Corporate Plan has been prepared by the Cabinet which sets out the vision of a healthy, happy and prosperous Torbay. The Plan sets out with the priorities of the Council for the next twenty years and the approach we will take in delivering against the vision.
- 1.2 The Plan has been prepared taking into account the results from the Residents Satisfaction Survey which was carried out during the summer of 2023.
- 1.3 As part of the Council's continuing commitment to engage with its communities (and in line with the Council's Constitution), the draft Plan has been subject to consultation. The report setting out the results of the consultation is included at Appendix 1.
- 1.4 The draft Community and Corporate Plan has been updated taking account of the feedback received during the consultation. The updated draft Community and Corporate Plan is included at Appendix 2 (with the proposed changes to the Plan shown as tracked changes).

2. Reason for Proposal and its benefits

- 2.1 The Community and Corporate Plan is the overarching document within the Council's Policy Framework setting out the Council's vision and priorities for the next twenty years. Having considered the feedback received during the consultation, the Cabinet is recommending that the Council approves the Community and Corporate Plan.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- 3.1 That the Council be recommended to approve the Community and Corporate Plan draft Community and Corporate Plan 2023-2043.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Results from the consultation on the draft Community and Corporate Plan

Appendix 2: Draft Community and Corporate Plan

Background Documents

None

Supporting Information

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Following the Local Elections in May 2023, work has been underway to set out the vision and priorities of the Council for the next twenty years. Consideration has been given to the Torbay Profile which describes the opportunities and challenges which are facing Torbay in terms of demographic, economic, social and environmental issues.
- 1.2 During the summer of 2023, the Council undertook its first Resident Satisfaction Survey based on the Local Government Association's "Are you being served?" methodology. In preparing the draft Community and Corporate Plan consideration was given to addressing the issues with which residents are less satisfied.
- 1.3 The draft Community and Corporate Plan was subject to consultation between 21 September and 29 October 2023. The report which summarises the feedback from that consultation is at Appendix. The Plan has been updated to take account of that feedback with the updated draft of the Community and Corporate Plan at Appendix 2.
- 1.4 In order to provide focus for delivery over the next four years, the Cabinet is developing a Council Business Plan. This will provide details of the specific actions which will be taken to deliver the priorities within the Community and Corporate Plan together with milestones and/or targets. The draft Council Business Plan will be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board in December ahead of its consideration by the Cabinet at its meeting in January 2024.
- 1.5 The Council's performance framework is being updated so that the progress in meeting both the Council Business Plan and the longer-term Community and Corporate Plan can be managed.

2. Options under consideration

- 2.1 The draft Plan which is now put forward for consideration has been developed based on the evidence in the Torbay Profile, the results of the Residents Satisfaction Survey and the feedback received during the consultation period.

3. Financial Opportunities and Implications

- 3.1 The proposals contained in this report do not commit the Council financially. As each aspect of the Plan is progressed, due consideration will be given to the financial impacts of each decision.

- 3.2 As part of the proposed approach within the draft Plan, there is a recognition that the Council needs to continue to reduce the cost-drivers of our high-cost services, deliver efficiencies and increase the Council's income where possible.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 There is no statutory requirement to have a Community or Corporate Plan. However, being clear about our ambitions gives the Council, our staff, partners and the community a clear understanding of what we seek to achieve and how to prioritise our spending.
- 4.2 The Council's Constitution sets out that the Community and Corporate Plan is part of the Policy Framework and that, as such, should be subject to consultation.

5. Engagement and Consultation

- 5.1 Details of how the consultation on the draft Plan was undertaken, including the different channels used to inform residents, is included in Appendix 1.

6. Purchasing or Hiring of Goods and/or Services

- 6.1 Not applicable

7. Tackling Climate Change

- 7.1 Within the Pride in Place strategic theme, it is recognised that the Council needs to continue to work in partnership to address the climate emergency so as to create a sustainable future.

8. Associated Risks

- 8.1 Without a Community and Corporate Plan it becomes difficult to set a coherent direction of travel for the Council given the finite resources that the Council has available to it.
- 8.2 The Constitution requires that changes to the Policy Framework should be subject to consultation.

9. Equality Impacts - Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups

	Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact
Older or younger people	The aim of the Plan is to have a positive impact on this group.		
People with caring Responsibilities	The aim of the Plan is to have a positive impact on this group.		
People with a disability	The aim of the Plan is to have a positive impact on this group.		
Women or men	The aim of the Plan is to have a positive impact on this group.		
People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) (Please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)	The aim of the Plan is to have a positive impact on this group.		
Religion or belief (including lack of belief)	The aim of the Plan is to have a positive impact on this group.		
People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual	The aim of the Plan is to have a positive impact on this group.		
People who are transgendered	The aim of the Plan is to have a positive impact on this group.		
People who are in a marriage or civil partnership	The aim of the Plan is to have a positive impact on this group.		
Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave	The aim of the Plan is to have a positive impact on this group.		
Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)	The aim of the Plan is to have a positive socio-economic impact.		
Public Health impacts (How will your proposal	The aim of the Plan is to have a positive impact		

impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)	on the general health of the population of Torbay.		
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10. Cumulative Council Impact

10.1 The proposed Community and Corporate Plan sets the framework for the Council's aims and objectives over the coming 20 years.

11. Cumulative Community Impacts

11.1 The proposed Community and Corporate Plan aligns with the Torbay Story which sets the overall ambition for Torbay.