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Initial Overview and Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2025/2026 – Draft V6

Approved on ?? 2025 - Updated 1/4/25 by Teresa Buckley

To be scheduled

Date	Meeting	Issue	Outcomes and Objectives
TBC	Board	Update on capital investment to implement the Playing Pitch Strategy and Sports Strategy	To receive an update on capital investment to implement the Playing Pitch Strategy and Sports Strategy (requested at Overview and Scrutiny Board 12.2.25)
TBC	Board	Driving Social Mobility in the Torbay	Potential item suggested by Public Health on Driving social mobility in Torbay – poverty reduction, economy and skills, work and health to be considered alongside the work of the Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority.
TBC	Board	Annual Review of Key Performance Indicators for the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Local Area Strategy	Annual Review of Key Performance Indicators for the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Local Area Strategy. (Deferred from 7 May 2025 due to SEND Ofstead Inspection in March and awaiting outcome).

Shaded meetings represent quarterly budget and performance meetings – no other items should be included on these meetings unless they are timebound.

Timetable of Meetings

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4 June 2025	Board	Performance Quarter 4	<p>To review the Council's key performance indicators and make recommendations to the Cabinet.</p> <p>To consider the Quarterly Housing Audit and Compliance report which provides oversight of the Council's housing stock.</p> <p>Key lines of enquiry: How is the Planning Enforcement Team progressing with clearing the backlog? Has the extra funding in the Planning Team had an impact?</p> <p>(Note: future reports to include more detail within the performance report under the sections where the performance is not meeting its target.)</p>
4 June 2025	Board	Budget Monitoring Q4 Outturn	To consider the Budget Monitoring Report for Quarter 4 (to include Revenue Budget and Capital Budget monitoring together with financial and delivery details of the Capital Programme) and make recommendations to the Cabinet

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4 June 2025	Board	Final Update on Planning Service for the Future	To receive a final update on the Planning Service for the Future to include details of what progress has been made with enforcement and includes SMART targets to show how the backlog will be addressed.
9 July 2025	Board	Torre Abbey New Beginning Project	To consider the proposals for the Torre Abbey New Beginning Project.
9 July 2025	Board	Update on Transfer of TDA to Torbay Council	To review the expected outcomes of the transfer of TDA to Torbay Council.

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9 July 2025	Board	Update on Local Government Reorganisation	To receive an update on the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Project Plan implementation.
13 August 2025	Board	Performance Quarter 1	<p>To review the Council's key performance indicators and make recommendations to the Cabinet.</p> <p>To consider the Quarterly Housing Audit and Compliance report which provides oversight of the Council's housing stock.</p> <p>(Note: future reports to include more detail within the performance report under the sections where the performance is not meeting its target.)</p>
13 August 2025	Board	Budget Monitoring Q1	<p>To consider the Budget Monitoring Report for Quarter 1 (to include Revenue Budget and Capital Budget monitoring together with financial and delivery details of the Capital Programme) and make recommendations to the Cabinet.</p> <p>Note: future Budget Monitoring reports include more detail on the Higher Needs Element of the Dedicated Schools Grant and Safety Valve (requested at O&S 6 November 2024.)</p> <p>Members requested future reports include the following (12 February 2025):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • headings on each page of tables to make them easier to follow;

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10 September 2025	Board	Safer Communities Annual Review	<p>Safer Communities Annual Review to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance of Safer Communities over the past 12 months; • Identification of key challenges and opportunities; • assurance that the transformational opportunities afforded by the Multiple Complex Needs Alliance approach were observable and progressing towards realisation (requested at Board on 14 November 2024). <p>(Note this item involves many key partners Police, Public Health, Health and will require a time slot of approximately 2 hours – Members to review what they wish to get out of this annual review. This may be best as a single item agenda, if possible)</p>
8 October 2025	Board	Annual Review of the Torre Abbey Annual Business Plan	<p>To review the annual Business Plan for Torre Abbey together with details of performance against the previous plan (arising from Events, Culture and Tourism Review).</p> <p>To receive an update on the Torre Abbey Christmas Market 2024.</p>
8 October 2025	Board	Annual Review of the Events Strategy and Destination Management Plan	<p>To review the delivery of the Torbay Council English Riviera (Outdoor) Events Strategy 2021 – 2027 and English Riviera Destination Management Plan 2022 – 2030 (to be reviewed annually or sooner if there are concerns, to ensure that delivery of</p>

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			the Strategy and Plan remain achievable, arising from Events, Culture and Tourism Review).
8 October 2025	Board	Local Government Reorganisation	To review the final draft proposals for Local Government Reorganisation and make recommendations to the Cabinet
5 November 2025	Board	Performance Quarter 2	<p>To review the Council’s key performance indicators and make recommendations to the Cabinet.</p> <p>To consider the Quarterly Housing Audit and Compliance report which provides oversight of the Council’s housing stock.</p> <p>(Note: future reports to include more detail within the performance report under the sections where the performance is not meeting its target.)</p>
5 November 2025	Board	Budget Monitoring Q2	<p>To consider the Budget Monitoring Report for Quarter 2 (to include Revenue Budget and Capital Budget monitoring together with financial and delivery details of the Capital Programme) and make recommendations to the Cabinet.</p> <p>Note: future Budget Monitoring reports include more detail on the Higher Needs Element of the Dedicated Schools Grant and Safety Valve (requested at O&S 6 November 2024.)</p> <p>Members requested future reports include the following (12 February 2025):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • headings on each page of tables to make them easier to follow;

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10 December 2025	Board	Annual Review of Operation Brighter Bay and Operation Town Centres	<p>To review the implementation of Operation Brighter Bay and Operation Town Centres project.</p> <p>Key lines of enquiry: What has been the impact of the Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)? How have the PSPOs impacted on the wider Torquay area?</p>
7 January 2026	Board	Cockington Court	To review the operation of Cockington Court.
7 January 2026	Board	Revenue and Capital Budget 2026/2027 – Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board	To agree the final report of the Priorities and Resources Review 2026/2027 on the Revenue and Capital Budget for 2026/2027.
11 February 2026	Board	Performance Quarter 3	<p>To review the Council’s key performance indicators and make recommendations to the Cabinet.</p> <p>To consider the Quarterly Housing Audit and Compliance report which provides oversight of the Council’s housing stock.</p>

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11 February 2026	Board	Budget Monitoring Q3	<p>To consider the Budget Monitoring Report for Quarter 3 (to include Revenue Budget and Capital Budget monitoring together with financial and delivery details of the Capital Programme) and make recommendations to the Cabinet.</p> <p>Note: future Budget Monitoring reports include more detail on the Higher Needs Element of the Dedicated Schools Grant and Safety Valve (requested at O&S 6 November 2024.)</p> <p>Members requested future reports include the following (12 February 2025):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • headings on each page of tables to make them easier to follow; • the description relating to the Waste Disposal budget to be expanded to make it clearer to understand what was covered e.g. recycling and residual waste; and • a column for the capital projects start date to give an indication of the speed to deliver the project.
11 March 2026	Board	Annual Review of the Carbon Neutral Council Action Plan	To review the implementation of the Carbon Neutral Council Action Plan (Note: document approved in February 2025)
8 April 2026	Board	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2025/2026	To approve the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2025/2026 for submission to Annual Council on May 2026.

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8 April 2026	Board	Initial Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2026/2027	To approve the initial Work Programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Board and note the emerging Work Programmes for the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board and the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board.
6 May 2026	Board	Annual Review of Key Performance Indicators for the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Local Area Strategy	Annual Review of Key Performance Indicators for the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Local Area Strategy

Other issues to be considered:

Topic	Actions required by Board Members
<p>Priority and Resources 2026/2027</p> <p>P&R 1 = ?? December 2025</p> <p>Revenue Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget Overview• Chief Finance Officer's Report• Fees and Charges• Reserves Statement• Financial Sustainability Plans Summary <p>Capital Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capital Strategy• Treasury Management Strategy• Grant Funding Pending Business Case• Updated Capital Investment Plan <p>P&R 2 = ?? December 2025 – adjourned meeting possible if not concluded on ??</p> <p>P&R 3 = Private meeting for conclusions/recommendations to Board – ?? December 2025</p> <p>O&B = 7 January 2026</p>	<p>Members to identify key lines of enquiry and attendees.</p>