

## Report title: Updated Torbay Heritage Strategy for adoption

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Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Board

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Wards affected: All

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### 1. Summary of Report:

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- 1.1 The purpose of the strategy is to clarify Torbay Council's approach to heritage, and to enable the Council to confirm and develop plans for specific locations. The new documents set out statutory requirements (e.g. Listed Buildings, Conservation Area Appraisals, Scheduled Ancient Monuments and non-designated heritage assets). The aim is also to ensure accessibility to a wide readership.
- 1.2 The Torbay Heritage Strategy has been revised and updated to reflect the progress made since 2021 and to reaffirm our commitment to putting Torbay's fascinating history and rich heritage at the heart of the area's economic, cultural and social life.

### 2. Recommendations and Proposed Decision:

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That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recommend to Cabinet:

- 2.1 That, the Heritage Strategy (2026-2031), as set out in Appendix 1 and 2 to the submitted report, be adopted.
- 2.2 That delegated authority be given to the Director for Pride in Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Place Development and Economic Growth to approve any necessary minor amendments or typographical corrections to the documents.

### 3. Reasons for Recommendations/Proposed Decision:

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- 3.1 This is an overarching document that focuses and co-ordinates a number of key recommendations including; a clear set of objectives for managing and protecting heritage assets, it is a tool to involve and inspire key partners and stakeholders, attract visitors and support our economy and respond to climate change whilst recognising our wide ranging internationally recognised heritage.
- 3.2 The recommendations contained in this report do not commit the Council financially, other than within existing budgets. Due consideration will be given to the financial impacts of each aspect of the Heritage Strategy as individual decisions are progressed.
- 3.3 The Strategy will underpin the delivery of Torbay Heritage Place programme for the whole period of the document. It provides the framework that enables the Council to identify, prioritise and develop projects which have a strong chance of securing external funding and contribute to achieving the Council's policy objectives.

### 4. Background and Context:

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- 4.1 The existing Heritage Strategy was adopted in November 2020 and covered a period of 5 years from 2021 to 2026. Since 2021, the Strategy has contributed significantly to our ability to attract grant funding, develop positive relationships with key partners such as Historic England and support the local heritage sector. It's now time to build on this foundation and set out our ambitions for the next five years.
- 4.2 In recent years, the profile of our distinctive built, cultural and natural heritage has continued to rise. In 2024, Torbay was given Heritage Place status by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, with Torbay Council as the local lead organisation. This gives the Council and our communities a golden opportunity to attract investment from the Heritage Fund that increases pride in place and connects residents and visitors with heritage.
- 4.3 We know that there are many competing priorities for limited resources, so this strategy considers how to prioritise heritage, including assets on Historic England's Heritage at Risk

Register. The heritage review was conducted by our Heritage and Design team with input from partners and stakeholders.

- 4.4 This strategy will sit alongside and complement a new five-year cultural strategy for Torbay that is currently in development following a cultural infrastructure review that took place in 2025. It is aligned with the existing Torbay Local Plan 2012-2030 and the draft Torbay Local Plan 2025-2045, the Torbay Community and Corporate Plan, the English Riviera Destination Management Plan, the Torbay Economic Strategy, and the UNESCO Global Geopark Management Plan 2023-2033.
- 4.5 Caring for our outstanding historic assets and sharing our stories will maximise the potential for heritage to bring social, cultural and economic benefits to all parts of the Bay. In line with the Local Plan, heritage will be key to driving the visitor economy as Torbay attracts new audiences seeking distinctive experiences.
- 4.6 We recognise that our built, natural and cultural heritage are essential to Torbay's sustainable growth. This approach does not prevent development or regeneration, but encourages a responsible approach, balancing heritage and local need for the benefit of all our communities, now and for future generations.
- 4.7 The Torbay Heritage Strategy sets out a clear and focussed agenda for elected Council members and officers at Torbay Council to follow until 2031. It is also a tool to involve and inspire developers, building owners, heritage organisations and voluntary groups.
- 4.8 There is enormous interest in local heritage among Torbay residents, and this strategy encourages opportunities for all our communities to understand, enjoy and share our history. It provides protection for the historic environment and highlights our museum and archive collections. It encourages new development that respects and finds inspiration in the distinct characters of our towns and countryside.
- 4.9 Attracting new and younger visitors and lengthening the tourist season are fundamentally important to Torbay's future economy. This strategy puts heritage at the centre of our visitor offer.
- 4.10 Torbay Council owns and manages a range of historic sites, and we support the wider heritage sector across the Bay. This strategy aims to strengthen the sector and explains our priorities for key locations.
- 4.11 The climate emergency affects every area of our work so this strategy considers both the risks to historic assets and how we can decarbonise the way we work at and visit heritage sites.

- 4.12 The international significance of our geology and the environment, heritage and culture associated with it is recognised in the English Riviera's designation as a UNESCO Global Geopark. This strategy supports the Global Geopark as an overarching framework within which the social, cultural, economic and environmental benefits of conserving our heritage are fully utilised to build a thriving future.

## 5. Alternative Options Considered:

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- 5.1 An alternative option is to not update the existing Heritage Strategy; however, this would result in an outdated document which does not reflect the current situation and would put the Council at a disadvantage and without a clear and focussed agenda for elected Council members and officers at Torbay Council to follow until 2031 for the management of our local historic environment.

## 6. Contribution to Council Priorities:

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- 6.1 The proposals in this report help us to deliver the ambitions within our Community & Corporate Plan through:

- Thriving people; access to heritage and culture can contribute to improved health and wellbeing. The strategy will contribute to creating positive places.
- Thriving economy; there is significant change in the strategic funding context. The strategy will support key funding bids. Attracting new and younger visitors and lengthening the tourist season are fundamentally important to Torbay's future economy. This strategy puts heritage at the centre of our visitor offer.
- Tackling climate change; this strategy considers both the risks to historic assets and how we can decarbonise the way we work at and visit heritage sites.
- Council fit for the future; Torbay Council owns and manages a range of historic sites, and we support the wider heritage sector across the bay. This strategy aims to strengthen the sector and explains our priorities for key locations.

## 7. Consultation and Engagement:

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- 7.1 This document updates the Torbay Heritage Strategy 2021-2026. It takes into account progress made and issues that have arisen since 2021 along with changes to the local and national policy framework. It will sit alongside and complement the new five-year cultural strategy that is in development.

- 7.2 Torbay Council commissioned an independent heritage consultancy, Heritage Arts and People (HAP), in January 2020 to produce the previous version of this document. The approach was to consult widely both internally and externally at the start of the process and to develop our Strategy in response.
- 7.3 There was an online residents' consultation that received 745 responses. It found that local people care deeply about special places and are enthusiastic about opportunities for greater engagement as visitors, volunteers and event attendees. The results showed an enormous interest in heritage among local residents. 99% of respondents said that experiencing the heritage around them was important to their quality of life, with 77% saying it was very important. Many respondents were keen to participate in more active care of heritage assets.
- 7.4 The huge public interest in the future of iconic buildings such as Oldway Mansion, Torquay Pavilion and Paignton Picture House shows that local people are passionate about protecting much-loved sites. Groups devoted to Torbay's heritage on social media attract thousands of followers and contributors. Our residents are eager to engage with local history and there is great potential to involve more people in collective efforts to care for and promote our heritage. This strategy was created in response to the priorities, concerns and ideas raised by this consultation.
- 7.5 There was also a stakeholders' gathering for heritage sector organisations, in addition to individual meetings, and many local heritage organisations kindly contributed their expertise and views. Stakeholders were also invited to contribute their views to the revision of the Strategy in 2026 which has informed this final draft.

## 8. Implications:

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### Financial Implications:

- 8.1 The proposal contained in this report do not commit the Council financially.
- 8.2 There is no direct budgetary implication with the preparation of the Strategy itself, however, it does set out a timetable and resource implications.
- 8.3 The Strategy can be used as a tool to unlock potential for external grant funding for heritage related projects which can have great benefits to local communities and businesses both directly and indirectly, especially through the Torbay Heritage Place Programme being delivered in partnership with the National Lottery Heritage Fund. This can be seen as a clear financial opportunity which can use the historic environment as a catalyst to enhance local areas and the local economy.

## Legal Implications:

8.4 No legal implications.

## Corporate Parenting/Children and Young People:

- 8.5 A principal objective within the Strategy is for “everyone in Torbay, including looked-after children, people with support needs and deprived communities, can access, experience and enjoy heritage” (Objective SEC01).
- 8.6 The Strategy encourages opportunities for learning, creativity and enjoyment through heritage at all stages of life, recognising that engaging with local heritage helps children and young people develop a stronger sense of place, identity and belonging, as well as providing access to rich educational resources outside of the classroom.
- 8.7 Research in 2025 as part of the development of Torbay Heritage Place identified potential to significantly grow the market for heritage-driven tourism, especially among younger audiences and through amplifying the connection between heritage and wellbeing. This Strategy directly supports the delivery of the Torbay Heritage Place Programme of which children and young people and their access to heritage is a clear strategic priority.
- 8.8 The Strategy underpins the delivery of the Torbay Heritage Place programme which prioritises projects that benefit children and young people.

## Associated Risks, Risk Tolerance Level and Mitigations:

- 8.9 A summary of key risks associated with the recommendations in this report are:
1. Strategic reputational and operational risk if deliverable projects or programmes associated with the Strategy are not properly aligned with the established priorities of the Community and Corporate Plan– mitigated through the objectives of the Community and Corporate Plan being incorporated into all projects at planning stage and throughout delivery. Monitored by the relevant Project Manager for each project or programme.
- 8.10 The risks of not approving the recommendations include having an outdated document which does not reflect the current situation and would put the Council at a disadvantage and without a clear and focussed agenda for elected Council members and officers at Torbay Council to follow until 2031 for the management of our local historic environment. Overall risk exposure is assessed as acceptable within the Council’s risk tolerance appetite.

Full risks are set out below:

| <b>Risk</b>                                                                                       | <b>Risk score before mitigations (likelihood x impact)</b> | <b>Mitigations</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>Risk Score after mitigations (likelihood x impact)</b> | <b>Risk tolerance</b> |
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| Projects or programmes associated with the Strategy not aligned with Community and Corporate Plan | 8                                                          | Ensure that all projects and programmes make clear reference to the Community and Corporate Plan at the planning stage and throughout delivery | 4                                                         | Acceptable            |

### Contributions to tackling climate change or achieving carbon neutrality:

8.11 Climate change has been considered as part of the Strategy and is included in the vulnerabilities section. Climate change threatens Torbay's historic buildings, landscapes and archaeology in a number of ways:

- Coastal flooding as the sea level rises
- Increased coastal erosion from wave action
- Changes to habitable ranges of invasive vegetation, fungus and pests
- Damage from increased rainfall
- Soil instability and chemical changes
- Different planting necessary in parks, gardens and farmland

8.12 A key objective within the Strategy is to ensure heritage assets in Torbay are protected from the effects of climate change and carbon reduction is central to their management.

### Social Value Considerations:

8.13 Heritage is at greatest risk of being lost if it is not experienced and valued by local people. A particular problem for areas that have long-established tourism industries is that residents can feel shut out of key sites that are focussed on attracting visitors. The Strategy seeks to address this by encouraging residents to understand, enjoy and share Torbay's unique history which strengthens local identity and civic pride and creates a shared sense of place and belonging.

- 8.14 It generates significant social value by strengthening community identity, supporting lifelong learning, improving wellbeing, increasing volunteering and cultural participation, promoting inclusive access to heritage, and safeguarding Torbay's historic environment for future generations. By connecting people with the Bay's unique cultural, natural and historic assets, the strategy helps build stronger, more resilient and more engaged communities. It recognises and seeks to enhance how the historic environment can be used to benefit everyone who live, work and visit Torbay.

#### Procurement Implications:

- 8.15 None

#### Other Implications:

- 8.16 There are no significant implications associated with the proposals. The objectives of the Strategy can be progressed using existing Council resources in partnership with local communities and relevant stakeholders. Where necessary, additional resource may be sought through existing relationships with external funders, specifically the National Lottery Heritage Fund through the Torbay Heritage Place Programme.

## 9. Equalities Impact Assessment:

| Protected characteristics under the Equality Act and groups with increased vulnerability | Data and insight                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Equality considerations (including any adverse impacts)                                                                                                                  | Mitigation activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Responsible department and timeframe for implementing mitigation activities |
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| Age                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18% of Torbay residents are aged under 18 years old.</li> <li>55% of Torbay residents are aged between 18 to 64 years old.</li> <li>27% of Torbay residents are aged 65 and older.</li> </ul> | There are potential barriers to the ability for some people to be able to access the document online for those who are unable or have difficulty accessing the internet. | <p>The document is produced as a pdf and can printed off as a hard copy if required.</p> <p>The document has been written to be as jargon free and simple to use as possible.</p> <p>We are working with the graphic design team to ensure that a range of users can access the information using assistive</p> | Heritage & Design Team with Graphics Design Team                            |

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|                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                         | technology where necessary. |                                                                             |
| Carers                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the time of the 2021 census there were 14,900 unpaid carers in Torbay.</li> <li>5,185 of these carers provided 50 hours or more of care.</li> </ul> | There is no differential impact.                        | n/a                         | n/a                                                                         |
| Care experienced                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of January 2026, there were 277 former care experienced young people aged 18-24 in Torbay.</li> </ul>                                               | There is no differential impact.                        | n/a                         | n/a                                                                         |

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| Disability                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the 2021 Census, 23.9% of Torbay residents answered that their day-to-day activities were limited a little or a lot by a physical or mental health condition or illness.</li> </ul> | <p>There are potential barriers to the ability for some people to be able to access the document online for those who are unable or have difficulty accessing the internet.</p> <p>There is also a need to consider how accessibility requirements can be sensitively achieved within the historic environment.</p> | <p>The document is produced as a pdf and can printed off as a hard copy if required.</p> <p>The document has been written to be as jargon free and simple to use as possible.</p> <p>We are working with the graphic design team to ensure that a range of users can access the information using assistive technology where necessary.</p> | Heritage & Design Team with Graphics Design Team                            |

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|                                                                                          |                                                                                                                      |                                                         | <p>Officers need to be aware of the importance of reasonable adjustments and the needs of people with disabilities and learning disabilities.</p> <p>Accessibility requirements within the historic environment can be addressed through individual projects.</p> |                                                                             |
| Gender reassignment                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the 2021 Census, 0.4% of Torbay's community answered that their</li> </ul> | There is no differential impact.                        | n/a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | n/a                                                                         |

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|                                                                                          | gender identity was not the same as their sex registered at birth.                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                         |                       |                                                                             |
| Marriage and civil partnership                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Of those Torbay residents aged 16 and over at the time of 2021 Census, 44.2% of people were married or in a registered civil partnership.</li> </ul>                                                                | There is no differential impact.                        | n/a                   | n/a                                                                         |
| Pregnancy and maternity                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Between 2013 and 2024, the rate of live births (as a proportion of females aged 15 to 44) has been slightly but significantly higher in Torbay (average of 56.0 per 1,000) than the Southwest (53.4) and</li> </ul> | There is no differential impact.                        | n/a                   | n/a                                                                         |

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|                                                                                          | <p>broadly in line with England (56.3).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the period 2022 to 2024, rates in Torbay (44.6) have been significantly below England (50.0).</li> </ul>                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                             |
| Race                                                                                     | <p>In the 2021 Census, 96.1% of Torbay residents described their ethnicity as the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.6% as Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh</li> <li>0.3% as Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African</li> </ul> | <p>Potential barriers for those who are unable to access the internet or engage with the document because English is not their first language.</p> | <p>The document is produced as a pdf and can printed off as a hard copy if required.</p> <p>The document has been written to be as jargon free and simple to use as possible.</p> <p>We are working with the graphic design</p> | <p>Heritage &amp; Design Team with Graphics Design Team</p>                 |

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|                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.5% as being of Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups</li> <li>• 96.1% as White</li> <li>• 0.4% described their ethnicity another way.</li> <li>• Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic communities are more likely to live in areas of Torbay classified as being amongst the 20% most deprived areas in England.</li> </ul> |                                                         | team to ensure that a range of users can access the information using assistive technology where necessary |                                                                             |
| Religion and belief                                                                      | The 2021 Census showed that the residents in Torbay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | There is no differential impact.                        | n/a                                                                                                        | n/a                                                                         |

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|                                                                                          | <p>identify their religion and/or belief as the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 48.5% are Christian</li> <li>• 0.4% are Buddhist</li> <li>• 0.2% are Hindu</li> <li>• 0.6% are Muslim</li> <li>• Less than 0.1% are Sikh</li> <li>• 0.1% are Jewish</li> <li>• 0.7% have another religion</li> <li>• 43.2% have no religion</li> <li>• 6.3% did not answer</li> </ul> |                                                         |                       |                                                                             |
| Sex                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 51.3% of Torbay's population are female.</li> <li>• 48.7% of Torbay's population are male.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | There is no differential impact.                        | n/a                   | n/a                                                                         |

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| Sexual orientation                                                                       | <p>In the 2021 Census, residents described their sexuality as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 89% as Straight or Heterosexual</li> <li>• 1.7% as Gay or Lesbian</li> <li>• 1.1% as Bisexual</li> <li>• 0.1% as Pansexual</li> <li>• 0.1% described their sexuality another way</li> <li>• 7.4% of people didn't answer the question</li> </ul> | There is no differential impact.                        | n/a                   | n/a                                                                         |
| Armed Forces Community                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2021, 3.8% of residents in England reported that they had previously served in the UK armed forces.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                           | There is no differential impact.                        | n/a                   | n/a                                                                         |

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|                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Torbay, 5.9% of the population have previously served in the UK armed forces.</li> </ul>                                            |                                                                                                                 |                       |                                                                             |
| <i>Additional considerations:</i>                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                 |                       |                                                                             |
| Socio-economic impacts (Including impacts on child poverty and deprivation)                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Torbay is ranked as the 39th most deprived upper tier local authority in England in the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2025.</li> </ul> | There is no differential impact.                                                                                | n/a                   | n/a                                                                         |
| Public Health impacts (Including impacts on the general health of the population of Torbay) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the five-year period 2020 to 2024, data shows there is a 6-year life expectancy gap between males who live in</li> </ul>           | There are proven beneficial links with engagement with the historic environment on mental health and wellbeing. | n/a                   | n/a                                                                         |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Torbay's least and most deprived areas and, a 3-year gap for females. |                                                                                                                  |                       |                                                                             |
| Human Rights impacts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                       | There is no differential impact, however all officers need to be aware of the Human Rights Act 2010 Section 149. | n/a                   | n/a                                                                         |
| Child Friendly (Children's Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA) considerations): <i>Summarise the CRIA considerations for this proposal, including which groups of children and young people may be affected (e.g., care experienced children/young people, care</i> |                                                                       | There is no differential impact.                                                                                 | n/a                   | n/a                                                                         |

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| <i>leavers, children with SEND), how their rights and best interests have been considered, and any engagement undertaken with children/young people and/or their representatives. Set out any mitigations to address identified adverse impacts and how these will be monitored.</i> |                  |                                                         |                       |                                                                             |

## 10. Cumulative Council Impact:

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10.1 None

## 11. Cumulative Community Impact:

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11.1 None

## 12. Monitoring and Evaluation:

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12.1 The Strategy draws out a series of stories that make Torbay special and develops a set of objectives around them. The list of objectives is set out in full at the conclusion of Part One, on pages 16-19. Some of these objectives will be fully achievable by 2031, while others will progress as part of a longer-term process.

12.2 In Part Two, each story is explored in more detail, and its main historical assets are listed. Key sites are presented in order of priority for action, using a 'traffic light' system. A table shows the objectives associated with each story and lists how we will know if we are on course to achieve them. The strategy does not set out individual tasks – these are set in a complementary Annual Heritage Action Plan. This will be monitored and evaluated by the Principal Historic Environment Officer in collaboration with the Service Manager for Development Management.

## Appendices:

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Appendix 1 – Torbay Heritage Strategy 2026-2031 Part 1

Appendix 2 – Torbay Heritage Strategy 2026-2031 Part 2

## Background Documents:

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