1. **Proposal and Introduction**

1.1 This report sets out the work that has been developed by a group of key partners in Torbay following the Local Government Association (LGA) Corporate Peer Review recommendations. The LGA advised that the Council should facilitate strategic partners across Torbay coming together, initially to create a vision/place narrative, and thereafter to work together to deliver it for the benefit of the bay. Appendix 1 sets out the vision/place narrative that strategic partners created so as to provide a compelling narrative for long term aspirations for Torbay.

1.2 It is proposed the Council adopts the document, as set out in Appendix 1 for Torbay for inclusion as part of the Council’s Policy Framework, within the Corporate Plan.

1.3 The Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) considered the document at its meeting held on 26 April 2017 and made recommendations to the Mayor. The Mayor’s recommendation is set out below and in the attached Record of Decision.

2. **Reason for Proposal**

2.1 To enable the Council to demonstrate its commitment to the Strategic Partnership and for the Vision/Place Narrative to provide a focus and direction for the Council and key partners.

3. **Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision**

**Mayor’s Recommendation:**

3.1 That the partners within the Strategic Partnership be thanked for their work in producing the document.
3.2 That subject to the tile being changed to ‘Future Torbay’ and page 15 Our challenges, being changed to read ‘which this document seeks to address’ the Strategic Partnership’s Vision for Torbay as set out at Appendix 1 be adopted as part of the Council’s Policy Framework within the Corporate Plan.

3.3 That the Introduction to the Council’s Corporate Plan be amended to include the following additional paragraph:

“Partners across Torbay have come together to develop “Future Torbay” which is a long term high level plan and vision with a compelling narrative articulating the ambitions for Torbay’s future. This Corporate Plan will provide the framework by which the Council delivers its elements of Future Torbay.”

Strategic Partnership Working Party Recommendation:

4.1 That the partners within the Strategic Partnership be thanked for producing the Vision for Torbay.

4.2 That the Strategic Partnership’s Vision for Torbay as set out at Appendix 1 be adopted as part of the Council’s Policy Framework within the Corporate Plan.

4.3 That the Introduction to the Council’s Corporate Plan be amended to include the following additional paragraph:

“Partners across Torbay have come together to develop “Vision: Torbay” which is a long term high level plan and vision with a compelling narrative articulating the ambitions for Torbay’s future. This Corporate Plan will provide the framework by which the Council delivers its elements of Vision: Torbay.”

5. Background

5.1 As a result of the recommendations of the LGA Corporate Peer Review, the Council established a Strategic Partnership Working Party. The LGA has also provided funding to assist key partners to develop a vision/place narrative for Torbay. The Working Party has worked with the key partners on producing the vision/place narrative and its recommendations are set out above at 3.1 and 3.2. Further background information prepared by the Strategic Partnership is set out at Appendix 1.

Appendices:
Appendix 1 Background information and introduction by Strategic Partnership
Appendix 2 Strategic Partnership Vision for Torbay
Appendix 3 Record of Decision

Background Documents
Local Government Association Corporate Peer Challenge Torbay Council Feedback Report