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Dear Member

**TORQUAY PLACE LEADERSHIP BOARD - MONDAY, 23 JUNE 2025**

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the Monday, 23 June 2025 meeting of the Torquay Place Leadership Board, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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3.	<b>Briefing on Plan for Neighbourhoods Following Ministerial Briefing</b>	(Pages 3 - 34)

Yours sincerely

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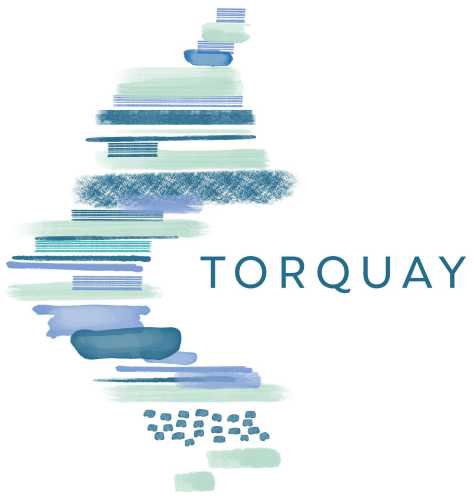
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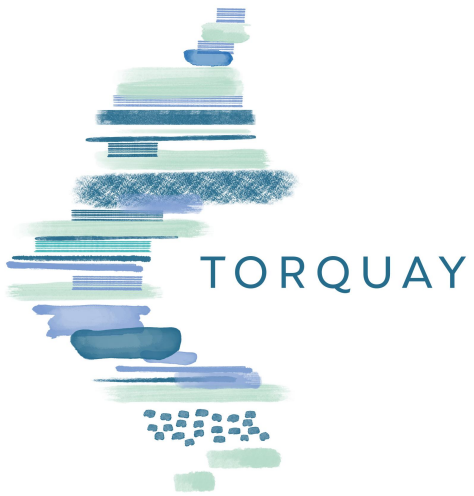


## Agenda

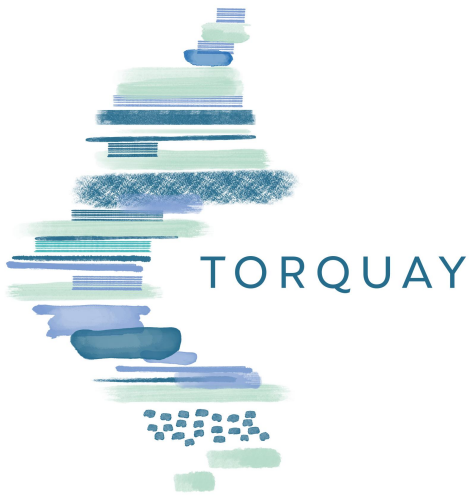
1. Apologies and new members
2. Minutes
3. Conflicts of Interest
4. Any Urgent items
5. Chair's update
6. Business case briefing
7. Urgent items



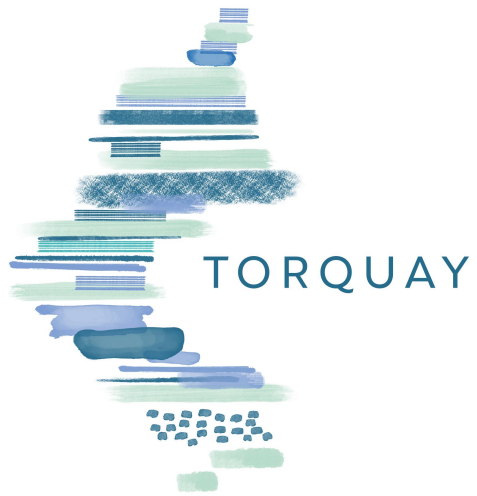
# 1. Apologies and new members



## 2.Minutes

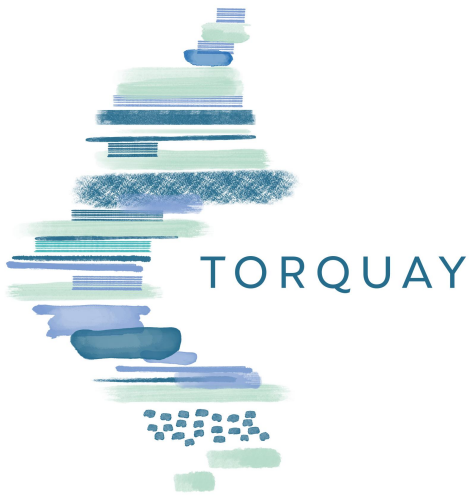


### 3. Decelerations of Interest



## 4.Any urgent items





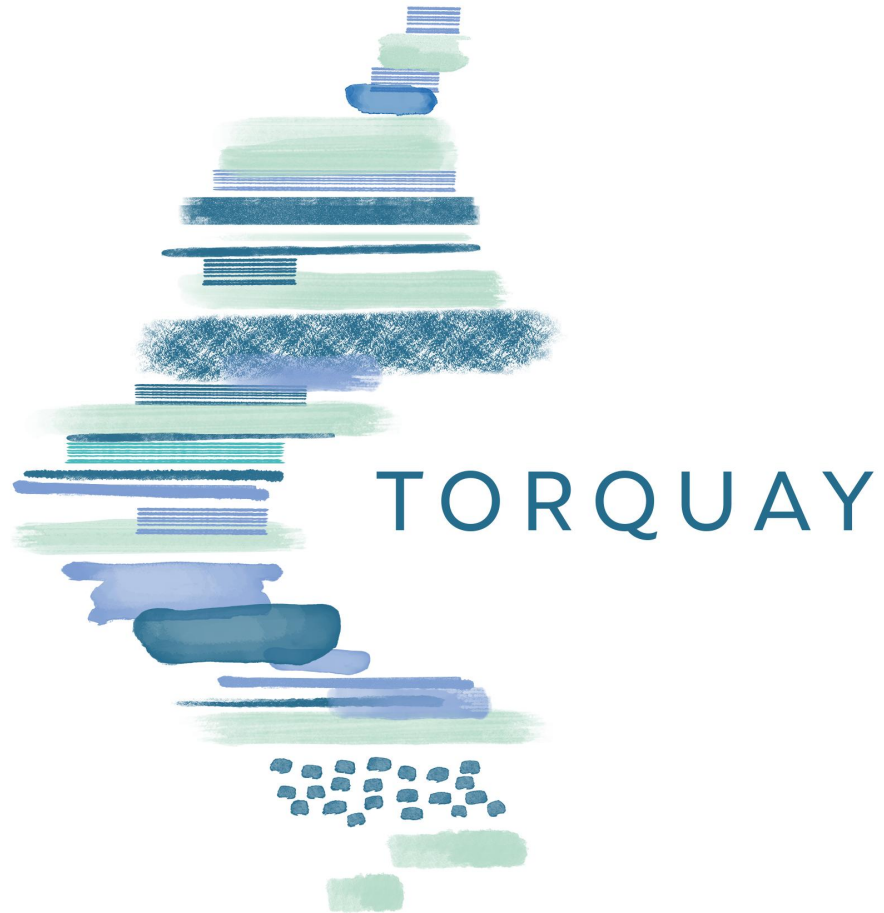
## 5.Chair's update



# Business Case Briefing



- This is the Torquay Place Leadership Board
- It was set up under Long Term Plan for Towns
- Now Plans for Neighbourhoods
- Torbay Council is a partner
- The board is independent and voluntary
- There is a Torquay and Torbay PLB
- Both will sit back-to-back quarterly
- Torbay has wider geographical remit
- Some memberships overlap
- Both meet quarterly, terms of ref etc
- Torquay has specific role and focus



## Previous actions

- Nominated and agreed a Chairperson
- Nominated and agreed a deputy Chairperson
- Agreed terms of reference
- Agreed our geographical boundary
- Agreed a search for new members
- Supported a submission to MHCLG to release capacity funding



## Latest update

- In person briefing for Chair took place
- Draft data set has arrived
- Confirmation of a November deadline for the business case and more details
- Awaiting capacity funding confirmation
- Awaiting board membership confirmation
- Awaiting geographical boundary confirmation



## Today's meeting

- To be fully briefed on updated guidance
- To agree a set of actions to meet Government's deadline and takes residents on the journey with us.
- Agree some initial capacity funding spend
- Regeneration plan submitted to MHCLG by Nov 28<sup>th</sup>
- 'Light touch' review rather than pass/fail
- First programme delivery funding released April 2026
- Delivery Phase April 2026 onwards in three investment periods

# Operation of the Programme

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- The programme will be divided into **three investment periods**, with a formalised progress review at the end of each.
- At the **end of each period**, Boards develop a new Investment Plan for the next investment period.
- Boards have **considerable financial flexibility** rollover underspends within and between investment periods.
- Technical detail is included around how funding should be spent and awarded.

# Regeneration Plan Overview

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A Regeneration Plan will constitute:

**10-year vision** - setting out the strategic outlook for the place and where, why and towards whom funds will be targeted, taking account of the local area's challenges and opportunities, and how funds will be managed across the decade; and

**4-year investment plan** - outlining how Boards will use the funding throughout the first investment period (from the 2026-27 financial year to the 2029-30 financial year).

It is not mandatory for a Regeneration Plan to target funding towards delivering against all 3 of the Plan for Neighbourhoods programme objectives.

You must evidence extensive resident engagement. Plans must be clear about how community views have shaped your interventions, and how the Board will continue to work with local people to own delivery.



# Your 10-Year Vision

A plan for the next decade – where, how, who and when...

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In your 10-year vision we will expect to see:

- Your vision for the future - what change will look like
- The case for change – evidence of need, opportunities
- How you will target investment to deliver the three programme objectives – who, what, where
- How you will work with the community, stakeholders, funders to deliver your long-term vision
- How your Board and the Accountable Body will work together to deliver the Board and community's vision
- How you will ensure public money is spent well

- **A high-level strategy for delivering the change your local community needs over the next decade**
- **Public-facing document, covering twelve main sections**
- **Submitted as a PDF**
- **Should remain broadly static throughout the programme**

# Your 4-Year Investment Plan

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In your plan we will expect to see:

- Your key priorities for investment in years 1-4
- Off menu activities you wish to pursue
- An indicative forecast of spend across the first investment period
- Key delivery milestones
- How you will select projects to fund
- How you will ensure funding is spent well and compliantly
- How you plan to resource the programme and make sure you have the right skills, experience and knowledge

**Your investment plan is indicative only.**

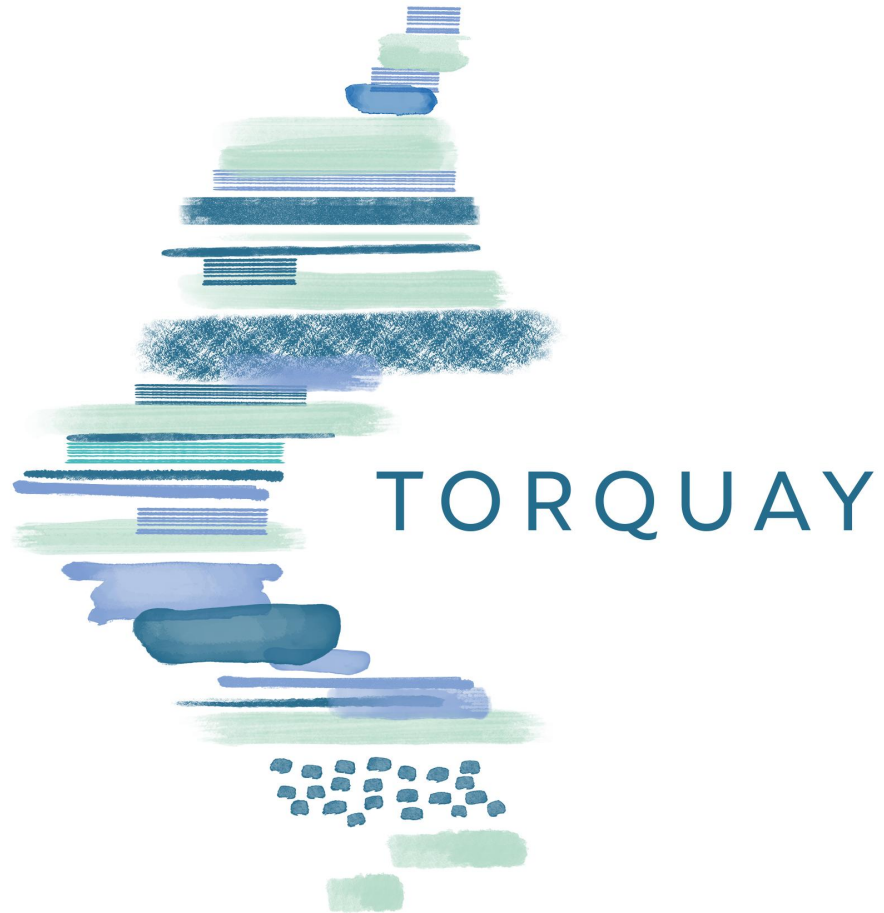
**Your plans are flexible and change as you start delivering the programme, responding to local needs and opportunities/challenges that arise.**

# Responsibilities of the Board

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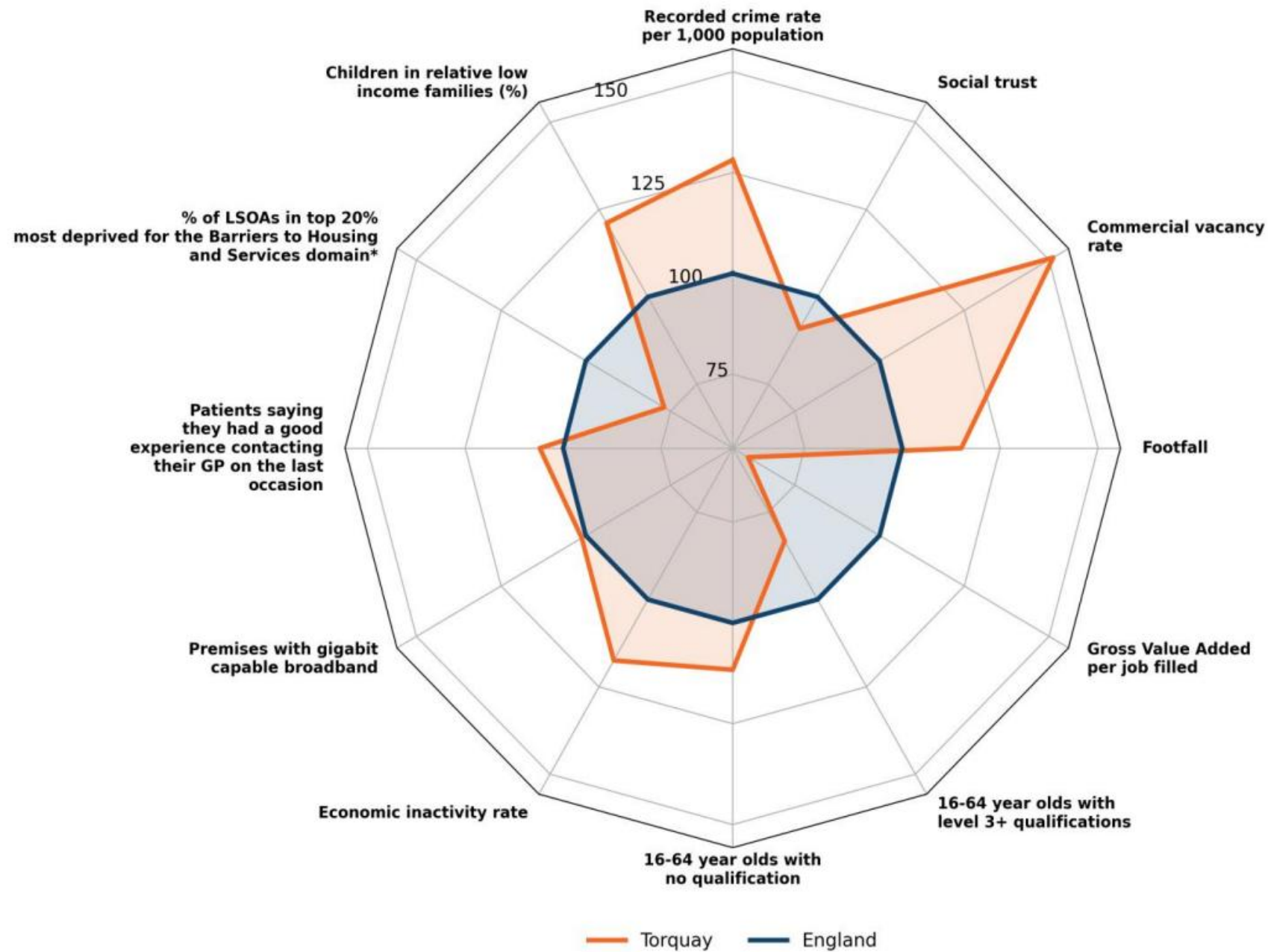
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- Develop the Plan in **partnership with local stakeholders and the community.**
- **Work closely with the local authority to set out processes** to manage the fund.
- **Develop an accountability structure** so the board can make effective decisions when allocating funding, whilst also allowing the local authority to maintain oversight of financial decisions.
- **Publish the Regeneration Plan** following agreement with MHCLG.
- **Consult with the relevant MP** and – where applicable – the Mayoral Combined Authority throughout Plan development.



## Why Torquay Qualified

- Our indices of multiple deprivation against our population size
- Health life expectancy
- Gross Value Added per hour worked
- Skill level



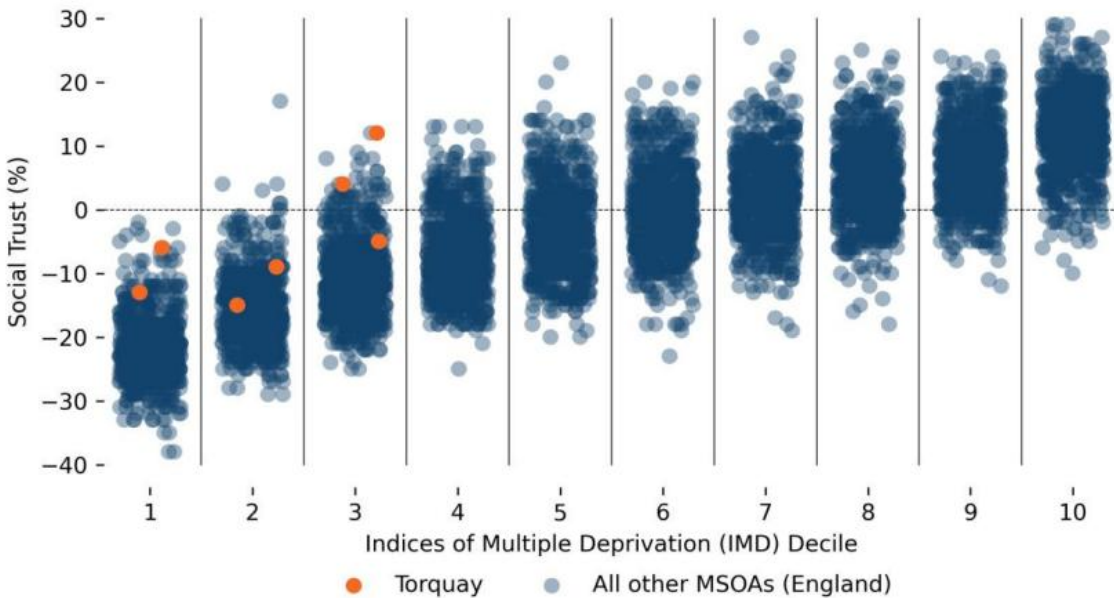


Indicator	Torquay	Torbay	England
Recorded crime rate per 1,000 population (2022)	98.3	70.7	76.7
Anti-social behaviour per 1,000 population (2024)	28.4	20.6	14.8
Social trust (%) (2023)	-5	-1	-3
Recorded crime by type per 1,000 population	Torquay	Torbay	England
Bicycle theft (2024)	0.5	0.4	0.9
Burglary (2024)	3.9	3.1	3.9
Criminal damage and arson (2024)	14.1	10.3	7.1
Drugs (2024)	6.9	4.6	2.8
Other crime (2024)	2.7	2.4	2.0
Other theft (2024)	11.0	8.4	6.9
Possession of weapons (2024)	1.5	1.2	0.9
Public order (2024)	8.6	6.0	6.6
Robbery (2024)	1.2	0.7	1.3
Shoplifting (2024)	11.1	9.2	7.9
Theft from the person (2024)	1.7	1.0	2.3
Vehicle crime (2024)	4.7	4.1	5.7
Violence and sexual offences (2024)	56.0	42.8	32.3

**Note:** Rates were calculated using 2022 mid-year population estimates due to data availability.

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Social Trust (%) (2023) and Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) deciles (2019)  
(IMD Decile 1 = Most Deprived)



**Source:** [MHCLG IMD, 2019](#); [Onward, 2023](#)

**Note:** Data is at MSOA level, resulting in multiple MSOAs per neighbourhood. There was an average of 7 respondents per MSOA.

[Net social trust](#) is defined as the estimated proportion of people who say they generally trust others minus the proportion of people who say that you cannot be too careful when dealing with people. According to [Onward \(2023\)](#), **Torquay has a social trust score of -5%**, which is lower than the England average of -3%, showing that there is a lower level of social trust within Torquay than national levels. More deprived [Middle Layer Super Output Areas \(MSOAs\)](#) are likely to have lower levels of social trust than less deprived MSOAs in Torquay.



Indicator	Torquay	England
Number of outlets (takeaways, restaurants, clubs, bars, pubs, fitness facilities and sport clubs) per 1,000 population (Sept 2024)	3.6	2.0*
Commercial vacancy rate (%) (Sept 2024)	18.6	12.3*
Footfall index** based on Virgin Media O2 mobile phone data (April 2022 to March 2023)	115.1	100

\* England average is derived from Built Up Areas with a population between 20,000 and 100,000 only.

\*\* Anonymised and aggregated mobile network data by Virgin Media O2. Footfall is defined as the average daily number of outbound journeys (not including journeys to home) within the town/Built Up Area over the period April 2022-March 2023. The mean average footfall of all England neighbourhoods with a population between 20,000 and 100,000 people has been standardised to an index of 100, with the figure for this neighbourhood scaled relative to this average.

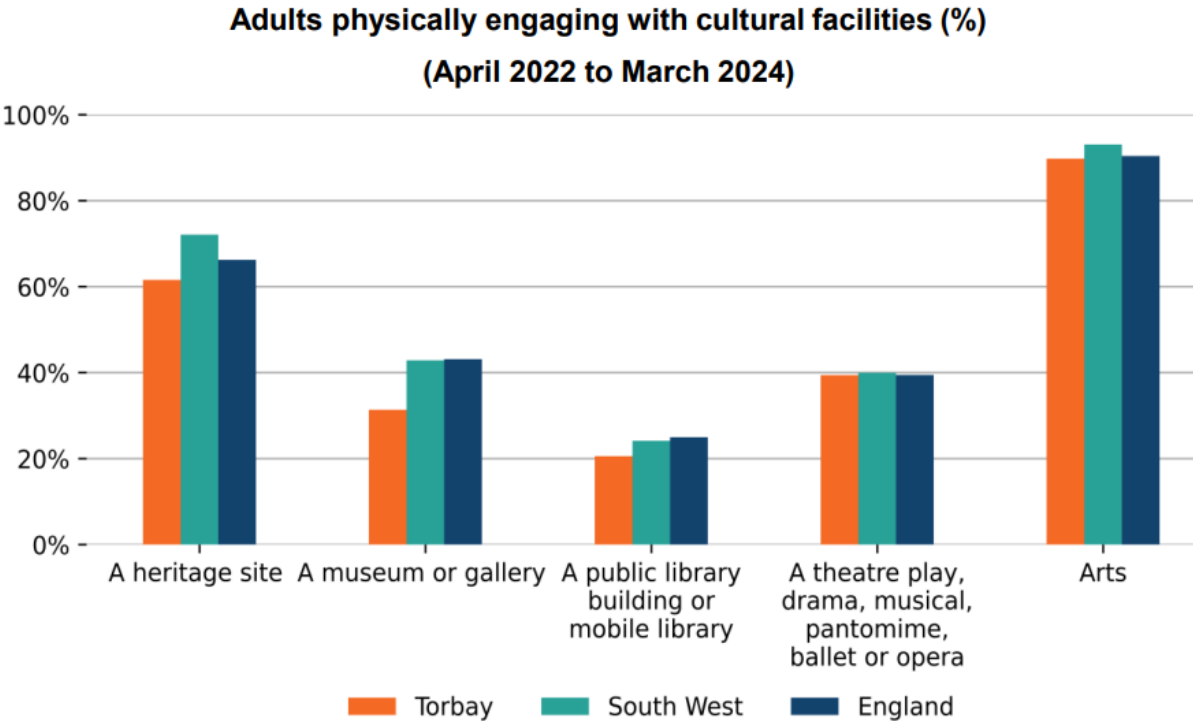




# High Streets, Heritage and Regeneration (2/2)

Indicator	Torbay	South West	England
Adults who engaged physically with arts (%) (April 2022 to March 2024)	89.8	93.1	90.4
Adults who engaged physically with a theatre play, drama, musical, pantomime, ballet or opera (%) (April 2022 to March 2024)	39.4	40.0	39.5
Adults who visited a museum or gallery in person (%) (April 2022 to March 2024)	31.4	42.9	43.1
Adults who visited a heritage site in person (%) (April 2022 to March 2024)	61.6	72.1	66.2
Adults who visited a public library building or mobile library in person (%) (April 2022 to March 2024)	20.6	24.1	25.0

**Note:** Cultural participation data is at Local Authority level. Each Built Up Area has been matched to its respective Local Authority based on geographic area share.



Source: [DSIT, DCMS, Arts Council England, 2025](#)







## Education, Work, Productivity and Skills

Indicator	Torquay	Torbay	South West	England
Gross Value Added per job filled (£) (2022)	38,390	39,282	55,563	62,751
16-64 year olds with level 3+ qualifications* (%) (2021)	47.1	49.1	57.9	56.6
16-64 year olds with no qualifications (%) (2021)	13.8	12.4	9.6	12.4
Employment rate (age 16 to 64) (%) (2021)	67.7	69.6	73.7	71.0
Unemployment rate (age 16 +) (%) (2021)	5.8	5.2	4.2	5.4
Economic inactivity rate (age 16 +) (%) (2021)	46.0	46.7	40.5	39.1
Job density** (2022)	0.68	0.63	0.75	0.77

Proportion of the working age population that are economically inactive, by reason (2021)



Source: [ONS, 2022](#)





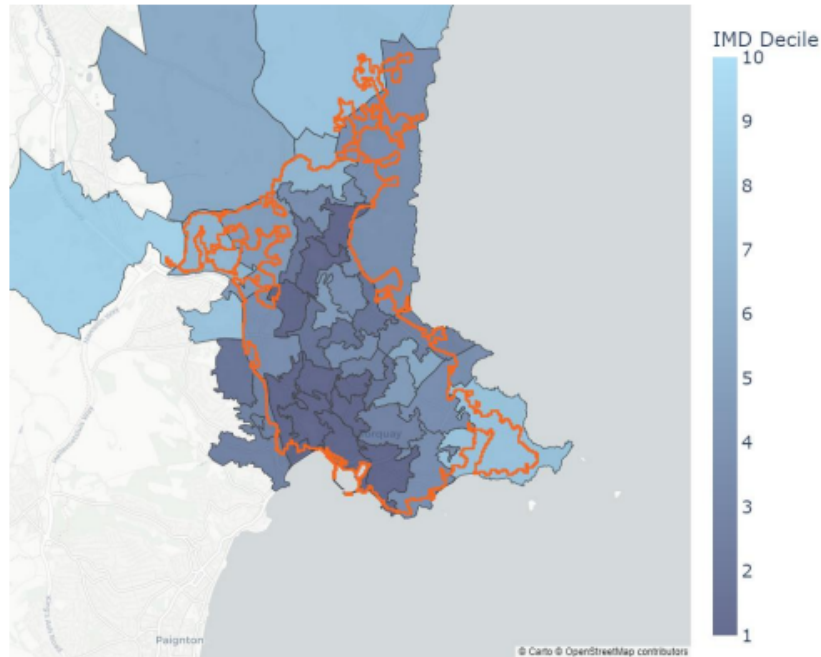
# Deprivation

## Headlines:

- **Over 50%** of LSOAs in Torquay are in the **top 20% most deprived in England in terms of Employment**.
- **Employment (28.2%) and Crime (20.5%)** were the domains that had the largest proportion of Torquay's LSOAs in the **top 10% most deprived in England**.
- **25.8%** of under-16s in Torquay live in [relative low income households](#). This is 4.5 percentage points higher than the England average.

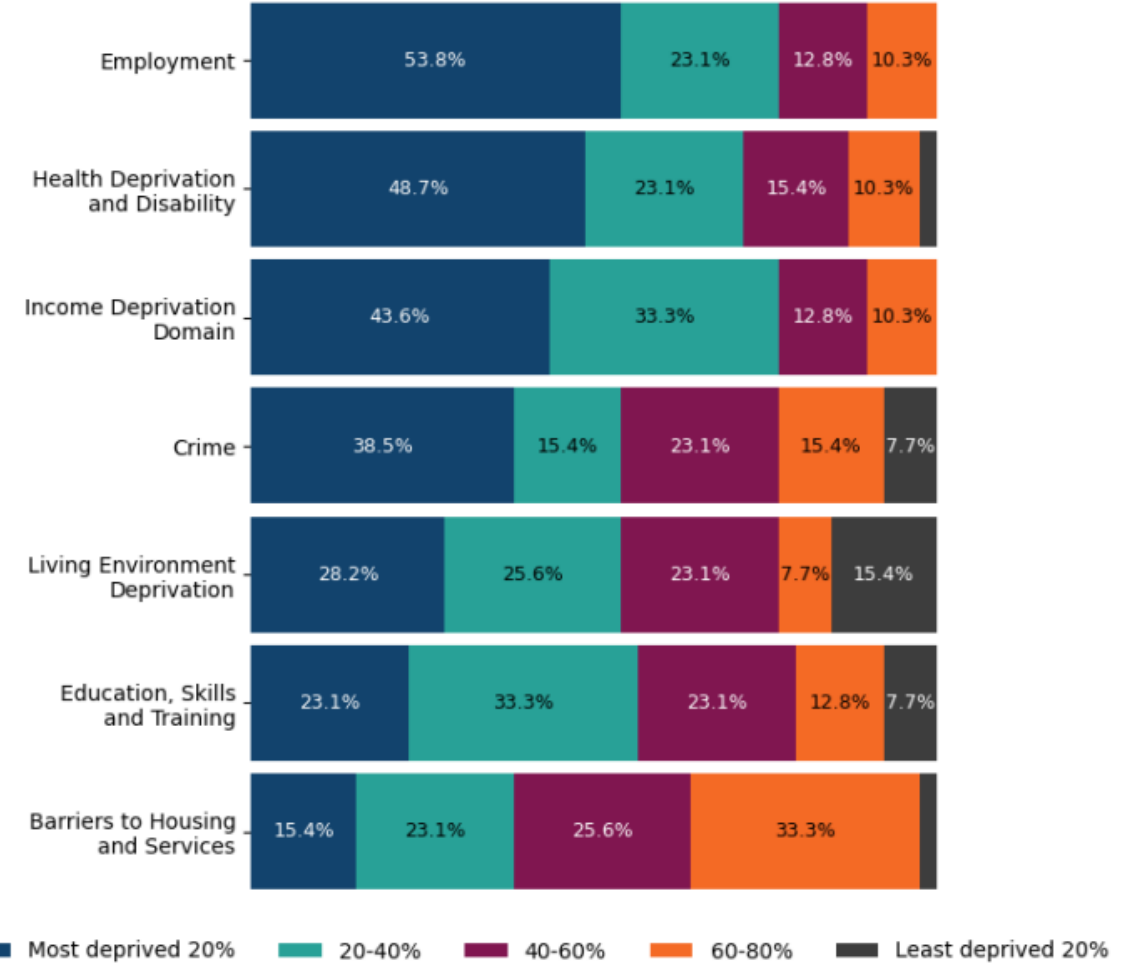
## Deprivation levels across LSOAs within Torquay by decile (2019) (Decile 1 = Top 10% most deprived in England)

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Source: [MHCLG IMD, 2019](#)

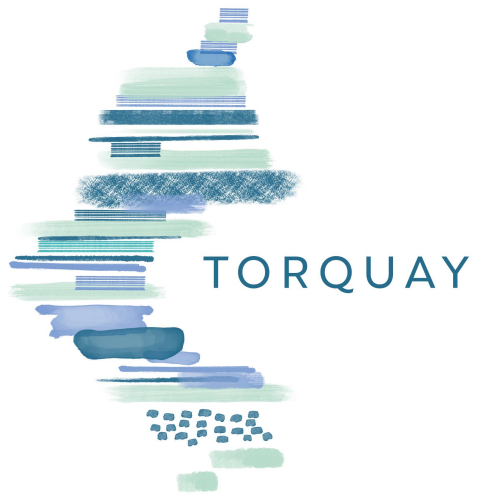
## Deprivation levels (%) across LSOAs within Torquay, compared to the England average (2019)



Source: [MHCLG IMD, 2019](#)

**Note:** Missing labels on the bars represent a percentage of less than 7%.

**Note:** All LSOAs that fall within the neighbourhood boundary are included in the overall neighbourhood calculations. This includes LSOAs that fall partly outside the boundary.



# How to prioritise?



## How to prioritise

- Community led approach – asking our communities what matters to them
- Data led approach – where does the data lead
- AI innovation of data – what should work and why
- Emerging opportunities from partners and stakeholders working on the same objectives
- Officer expertise
- Board expertise
- **Ultimately a Board decision**

# Next Steps

Working together to agree your plan

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When	Neighbourhood Board	MHCLG
June – Nov '25	<p>Work with your community, key stakeholders and Accountable Body to develop your Regeneration Plan</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Discuss off-menu proposals with MHCLG</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Submit your plan</p>	<p>Provision of support to places through webinars, correspondence and visits</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Light-touch assessment of Regeneration Plans</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Work with places to resolve queries</p>
By April '26	Agree your plan	
By April '26	Agree Memorandum of Understanding	
From April '26	Place commences delivery of plan	



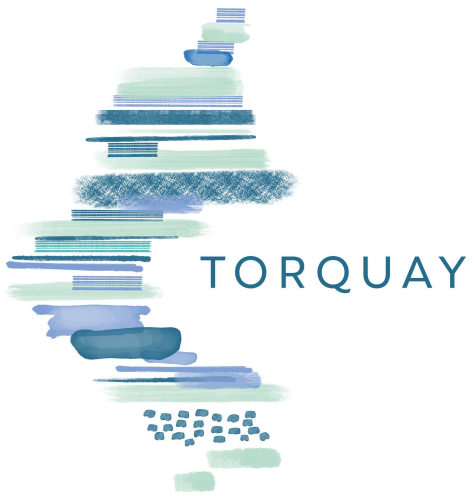
## Next steps

- Simple template to capture business case (June)
- Open call for submissions (July)
- Annalys (August)
- Initial cases back to board (Sept 8th)
- Further work around prioritisation and developing business cases after the steer from the board.
- Engagement around suggested prioritisation using innovative community first approach (Oct)
- Extraordinary board meeting in November to finalise the business case.
- Submission by November 28<sup>th</sup>



## Decisions

- Does the board agree with the suggested timeline and actions to bring paper back to September Board?
- Does the board agree to delegate capacity funding spend around support, delivery and engagement to the Chair? (*finance to be a standing item at each meeting moving forward. Spent governed by finance and procurement regulations set out in ToR*)



# Urgent items



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