

Record of Decisions

Brixham Town, Old Paignton and Torquay Harbour Conservation Area Appraisal and Boundary Review Adoption

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 17 March 2026.

Decision

1. that the Brixham Town, Old Paignton and Torquay Harbour Conservation Area Appraisals (CAAs) and associated boundary changes as set out at Appendices 1, 3 and 5 to the submitted report be adopted; and
2. that delegated authority be given to the Director of Pride in Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Place Development and Economic Growth and the Cabinet Member for Pride in Place, Transport and Parking, to make minor changes, typographical corrections or non-material amendments to the Brixham Town, Old Paignton and Torquay Harbour Conservation Area Appraisals prior to formal publication.

Reason for the Decision

To ensure the Council meets its statutory duty under Sections 69 and 71 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to designate and periodically review conservation areas and their boundaries.

Implementation

The decision will come into force and may be implemented on 30 March 2026 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Council's designation as a National Lottery Heritage Fund "Heritage Place" provides a significant opportunity to support Torbay's wider regeneration by enhancing and protecting its built heritage. Adoption of the updated Conservation Area Appraisals (CAAs) and the proposed boundary changes for Brixham Town, Old Paignton and Torquay Harbour will help safeguard the architectural and historic character of these areas, strengthen planning decision-making, and attract investment. The updated appraisals will be a material consideration in planning decisions and will support the regeneration of town centres while protecting Torbay's built and natural environment in line with the Community and Corporate Plan.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options were not taken forward because they would not meet the Council's statutory duties under Sections 69 and 71 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, and they did not reflect the professional findings of the appointed consultants (Purcell), the assessment of Council officers, or the outcomes of the public consultation.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet