

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

A meeting of **Overview and Scrutiny Board** will be held on

**Tuesday, 29 October 2019**

commencing at **5.30 pm**

The meeting will be held in the Meadfoot Room, Town Hall, Castle Circus,  
Torquay, TQ1 3DR

### **Members of the Board**

Councillor Howgate

Councillor Brown  
Councillor Bye  
Councillor Mandy Darling  
Councillor Doggett

Councillor Foster  
Councillor Kennedy  
Councillor Loxton

### **Co-opted Members of the Board**

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# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD AGENDA

1. **Apologies**  
To receive apologies for absence, including notifications of any changes to the membership of the Board.
2. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 4)  
To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 19 September 2019.
3. **Declarations of Interest**
  - a) To receive declarations of non pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda  
  
**For reference:** Having declared their non pecuniary interest members may remain in the meeting and speak and, vote on the matter in question. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.
  - b) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda  
  
**For reference:** Where a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest he/she must leave the meeting during consideration of the item. However, the Member may remain in the meeting to make representations, answer questions or give evidence if the public have a right to do so, but having done so the Member must then immediately leave the meeting, may not vote and must not improperly seek to influence the outcome of the matter. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.  
  
**(Please Note:** If Members and Officers wish to seek advice on any potential interests they may have, they should contact Governance Support or Legal Services prior to the meeting.)
4. **Urgent Items**  
To consider any other items that the Chairman decides are urgent.
5. **What does it feel like to be a young person living in Torbay?** (Pages 5 - 12)  
Council on 26 September 2019 formally received the attached report prepared by Healthwatch Torbay – ‘What does it feel like to be a young person living in Torbay?’. Members may wish to consider the findings in the report in conjunction with the latest Ofsted monitoring visit feedback and revised improvement Plan.
6. **Ofsted monitoring visit feedback and revised Improvement Plan** (To Follow)  
To receive an update on the findings in the Ofsted Monitoring Letter and the subsequent revised Improvement Plan.



## Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

19 September 2019

**-: Present :-**

Councillor Howgate (Chairman)

Councillors Brown, Bye, Foster, Kennedy, Loxton, Atiya-Alla and Doggett

(Also in attendance: Councillors Brooks, Ellery, Law, Chris Lewis, Long, Mills, David Thomas and John Thomas)

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### **12. Apologies**

It was reported that, in accordance with the wishes of the Liberal Democrat Group, the membership of the Board had been amended to include Councillors Doggett and Atiya-Alla in place of Councillors Mandy Darling and Heyse.

### **13. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 20 August 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **14. Land Release Fund**

The Board considered a report prepared by the Interim Director of Place and a separate report prepared by Councillor Kennedy. The attached report set out the Board's recommendations to Cabinet.

### **15. Budget Monitoring 2019/20 - Quarter One**

The Board noted a report that provided a high level budget summary of the Council's forecasted revenue and capital income and expenditure for quarter one of the 2019/20 financial year.

### **16. Turning the Tide on Poverty**

The Board received a presentation from the Director of Public Health on 'Turning the Tide of Poverty – Opportunities and Challenges'. The presentation set out the following six policy areas:

- Give every child the best start in life;
- Enable all children and young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives;
- Create fair employment and good work for all;
- Ensure healthy standards of living for all;

- Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities; and
- Strengthen the role of ill health prevention.

The Director of Public Health detailed the work that was already underway and set out the potential for future opportunities if a place based planning approach was adopted.

The Board considered the six policy areas and determined that a task and finish group on each policy area would enable members to meet with partners and fully analyse the effects of the current work and what other work could be done to further address the issues of poverty.

### **Resolved**

That a Task and Finish Group be established to consider the following policy areas:

- Give every child the best start in life;
- Enable all children and young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives;
- Create fair employment and good work for all;
- Ensure healthy standards of living for all;
- Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities; and
- Strengthen the role of ill health prevention.

Chairman

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# WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO BE A YOUNG PERSON LIVING IN TORBAY ?

**PREPARED BY**

*Healthwatch Torbay*

**DECEMBER 2018**

**healthwatch**  
Torbay

# BACKGROUND

Healthwatch Torbay are the independent consumer champion for local health and social care services. sharing the experiences of local people with healthcare bosses so they can make improvements.

The Torbay Children's Safeguarding Board, who work to make Torbay safer for children, commissioned Healthwatch Torbay to find out how young people aged 0-25 years feel about living in Torbay.

To do this, Healthwatch Torbay asked four questions:

1. How do you feel about living in Torbay?

2. What is the best thing about living in Torbay?

3. What is the worst thing about Living in Torbay?

4. What would improve the way you feel about living in Torbay?

**1,913** young people shared their views in the detailed consultation report, available at [www.healthwatchtorbay.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchtorbay.co.uk)

Question 1

# HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT LIVING IN TORBAY?



**33.3%**  
*"It's okay"*

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**24.3%**  
*"It's pretty good"*



- A third of young people felt "okay" about living in Torbay (383 responses, 33.3%)
- A quarter of young people felt "pretty good" (280 responses, 24.3%) about living in Torbay
- Few young people "hate" living in Torbay (51 responses, 4.4%)

Younger people often felt better about living in Torbay than older children or young adults.

Question 2

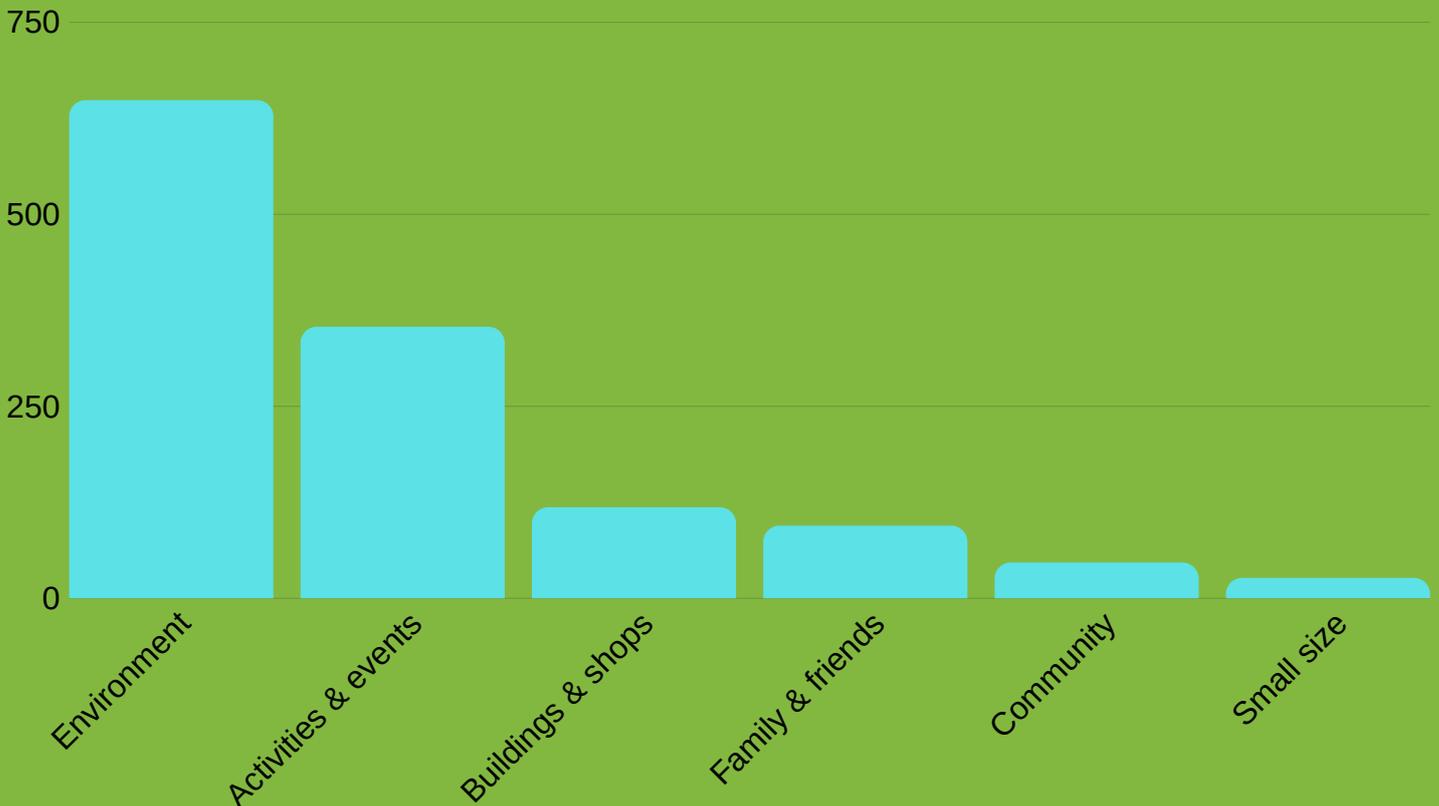
# WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING IN TORBAY?

**48.3%**

*The environment and  
local setting*

**26.3%**

*Activities and events*



## Young people said they liked

- The **setting** and environment (648 responses, 48.3%)  
*"The beach", "Living by the seaside", "The amazing views"*
- Local events and activities (353 responses, 26.3%)  
*"Vicky Park", "Splashdown", "Cool woods"*
- **Shops and places to eat**, especially fast food! (118 responses, 8.8%)  
*"Having plenty of fast food places to eat", "Fish and chips"*
- **Friends and family** (94 responses, 7.1%)
- Its *"close community"* (46 responses, 3.4%) and **small size** (26 responses, 1.9%)

Question 3

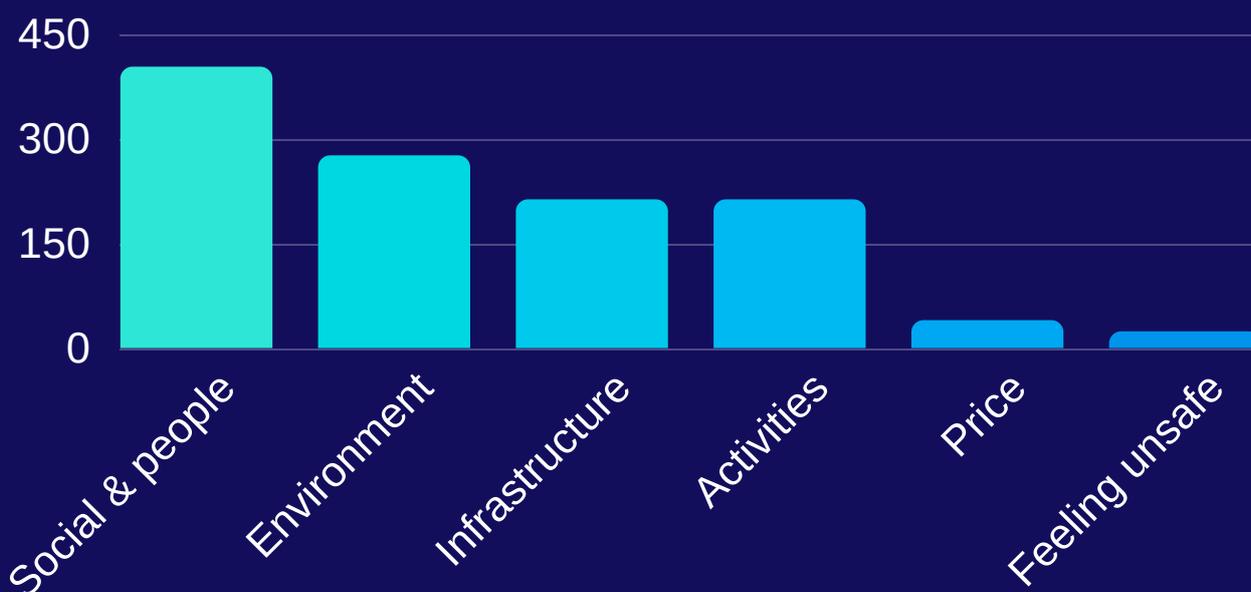
# WHAT IS THE WORST THING ABOUT LIVING IN TORBAY?

30.9%

*Social and people related issues*

21.2%

*The environment*



Young people said the worst things about living in Torbay were:

- The 'people' (403 references, 30.1%) - "drug use", "underage drinking and drugs", "people living on the streets", gangs, "roadies", crime & violence
- The plastic and the litter (276 references, 21.1%)
- Having 'nothing to do' (213 references, 16.2%) and
- Empty shops, bad roads and transport (213 references, 16.2%)

Some young people said things that other people do in Torbay such as drinking or drug-taking make them feel unsafe.

*Question 4*

# WHAT COULD BE IMPROVED?



"Have a council  
that listens"

"Less drugs"  
"Less crime"  
"Help the homeless"  
"More police"

"Have more things to  
do for young people in  
Torbay that are  
affordable and  
designed for young  
people, not tourists."

"Get rid  
of the litter  
and plastic  
in Torbay."

"Have more  
open spaces  
to play in."

"Have more shops,  
better buses and  
trains that we can  
afford."

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- Work together with young people to find out what matters most.
- Treat young people equally.
- Keep asking how young people feel about living in Torbay.
- Have more police around 'hot spots' where young people feel unsafe.
- Talk about what happens to young people involved in crime and gangs through talks in schools by the police.
- Help fix the root causes of drugs and alcohol.
- Make more safe places for young people to hang out.
- Create activities with local young people that they can afford and use in all weathers.
- Reduce the amount of litter and plastic in Torbay.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Healthwatch Torbay would like to thank:

- All the children and young people who took part in the survey,
- The Torbay Children's Safeguarding Board for the opportunity to undertake this consultation
- The additional support received from:  
Healthwatch Torbay Young People's Project team
- Young persons' task group members involved in the planning of the project and the design of the toolkit and events
- Task group members
- Paignton Academy Student Council and all other local schools and colleges who supported this piece of work
- South West families and young adult carers who completed surveys and contributing at events
- Play Torbay who shared their 'Imagine This' report findings
- Plymouth University for their support with data analysis and putting this report together with Healthwatch Torbay.

The main consultation report is available to read in full via [www.healthwatchtorbay.org.uk](http://www.healthwatchtorbay.org.uk)

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