

Monday, 9 February 2026

**CABINET**

A meeting of **Cabinet** will be held on

**Tuesday, 17 February 2026**

commencing at **5.30 pm**

The meeting will be held in the Banking Hall, Castle Circus entrance on the left corner of the Town Hall, Castle Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3DR

**Members of the Committee**

Councillor David Thomas (Chair)

Councillor Billings

Councillor Jacqueline Thomas

Councillor Bye

Councillor Tranter

Councillor Chris Lewis

Councillor Tyerman

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# CABINET AGENDA

1. **Apologies**  
To receive apologies for absence.
2. **Minutes**  
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 December 2025. (Pages 5 - 28)
3. **Disclosure of Interests**  
(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 the Chairman decides are urgent.
5. **Matters for Consideration**
6. **Rent and Service Charge Policy**  
To consider a report that seeks approval of an updated Rent and Service Charge Setting Policy, which sets the framework for implementing proposed annual rent increases for Torbay Council's housing stock. (Pages 29 - 64)
7. **Revenue and Capital Budget 2026/2027**  
To receive the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Board on the Cabinet's draft budget proposals for 2026/2027 and to make final recommendations to the Council. (Pages 65 - 80)

8. **Budget Monitoring - Revenue and Capital Outturn 2025/26 Quarter 3** (Pages 81 - 106)  
To consider a report that provides a high-level budget summary of the Council's revenue and capital position for the financial year 2025/26, reviewing budgets and considering year-end forecasts.

9. **Implementation of the English Riviera Beach Standards** (Pages 107 - 136)  
To consider a report that sets out the rationale for the implementation of the English Riviera Beach Excellence and Quality Standards (ERBS) as Torbay's locally owned beach quality framework replacing participation in the Blue Flag international award scheme.

10. **Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy** (Pages 137 - 154)  
To consider a report on the Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) – a joint strategy for Devon, Plymouth and Torbay.

11. **Access to Devon County Household Waste Recycling Centre - Cabinet Response to Council Recommendation** (Pages 155 - 164)  
To consider a report that responds to the Council's recommendation to Cabinet for the Director of Pride in Place to approach Devon County Council to explore the possibilities to enable Torbay Council residents to access the Brunel Road Recycling Centre, Brunel Road, Newton Abbot.

12. **Update on capital investment to implement the Play Park Improvement Strategy Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board** (Pages 165 - 172)  
To respond to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

13. **Housing Standards Enforcement Policy Review** (Pages 173 - 262)  
To consider a report that seeks approval of the Housing Standards Enforcement Policy.

14. **Housing Ombudsman Self-assessment for Complaint Handling** (Pages 263 - 310)  
To consider a report on the above.

15. **Torbay Council Annual Pay Policy Statement and Review of Pensions Discretions** (Pages 311 - 340)  
To consider a report on the above.

16. **National Year of Reading 2026 | Go All In** (Pages 341 - 350)  
To consider a report that seeks endorsement of the National Year of Reading initiative.

17. **Notice of Motion - Motor Neurone Disease** (Pages 351 - 352)  
To consider the attached motion, notice of which has been given in accordance with Standing Order A14 by the members indicated.

### **Live Streaming and Hybrid Arrangements**

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We are also using hybrid meeting arrangements to enable officers and Councillors who are not members of the Cabinet to either attend the meeting in person or to attend the meeting remotely via Zoom. Anyone attending the meeting remotely must use their raise hand function when they wish to speak and to declare any interests at the appropriate time. If anyone attending the meeting remotely loses connection the meeting will continue and they will have the option to follow the meeting via the YouTube live stream.