

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** (Pages 5 - 28)
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 December 2025.
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** (Pages 29 - 64)
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.
7. **Revenue and Capital Budget 2026/2027** (Pages 65 - 80)
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.

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| 8. | Budget Monitoring - Revenue and Capital Outturn 2025/26 Quarter 3
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. | (Pages 81 - 106) |
| 9. | Implementation of the English Riviera Beach Standards
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. | (Pages 107 - 136) |
| 10. | Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy
To consider a report on the Devon Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) – a joint strategy for Devon, Plymouth and Torbay. | (Pages 137 - 154) |
| 11. | Access to Devon County Household Waste Recycling Centre - Cabinet Response to Council Recommendation
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. | (Pages 155 - 164) |
| 12. | Update on capital investment to implement the Play Park Improvement Strategy Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board
To respond to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Board. | (Pages 165 - 172) |
| 13. | Housing Standards Enforcement Policy Review
To consider a report that seeks approval of the Housing Standards Enforcement Policy. | (Pages 173 - 262) |
| 14. | Housing Ombudsman Self-assessment for Complaint Handling
To consider a report on the above. | (Pages 263 - 310) |
| 15. | Torbay Council Annual Pay Policy Statement and Review of Pensions Discretions
To consider a report on the above. | (Pages 311 - 340) |
| 16. | National Year of Reading 2026 Go All In
To consider a report that seeks endorsement of the National Year of Reading initiative. | (Pages 341 - 350) |
| 17. | Notice of Motion - Motor Neurone Disease
To consider the attached motion, notice of which has been given in accordance with Standing Order A14 by the members indicated. | (Pages 351 - 352) |

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