

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

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

Wednesday, 29 November 2017

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 Lewis (C) (Chairman)

Councillor Barnby
Councillor Bent
Councillor Bye
Councillor Darling (S)

Councillor Morey
Councillor Stocks
Councillor Tolchard
Councillor Tyerman

Co-opted Members of the Board

John Searson, Diocese of Exeter

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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

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 11 October 2017.

(To Follow)

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. Torquay Town Centre Crime

To consider a request for the Board to review (with appropriate officers and partners) the results of the Torquay Town Centre Crime Survey carried out by Councillors Darling (M) and Pentney.

6. Heart of the South West Productivity Strategy

The Chief Executive to present the proposed response to the draft Heart of the South West Productivity Strategy.

(To Follow)

The Mayor to answer the Board's questions.

The Board to consider making any comments and/or recommendations.

- 7. Economic Regeneration** (Verbal Report)
The Mayor to answer questions on his economic regeneration priorities.
- 8. Revenue Budget Monitoring** (To Follow)
The Head of Finance to present the Revenue Budget monitoring report.
- The Mayor and Executive Leads to answer the Board's questions.
- The Board to consider making any comments, conclusions and/or recommendations to the Mayor and/or the Council.
- 9. Transformation Project - Libraries** (To Follow)
The Executive Head for Customer Services to provide an update on the progress on the transformation project for libraries.
- The Executive Lead for Business to answer the Board's questions.
- The Board to consider making any comments and/or recommendations.
- 10. Transformation Project - Public Conveniences** (To Follow)
The Executive Head for Assets and Business Services to provide an update on the current position.
- The Executive Lead for Community Services to answer the Board's questions.
- The Board to consider making any comments and/or recommendations.
- 11. Exclusion of press and public**
To consider passing a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting prior to consideration of the following item on the agenda on the grounds that exempt information (as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)) is likely to be disclosed.
- 12. Tor2 Contract** (To Follow)
The Executive Head for Assets and Business Services to provide an update on the Tor 2 contract.
- The Executive Lead for Planning, Transport and Housing to answer the Board's questions.
- The Board to consider making any comments and/or recommendations.



Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

11 October 2017

-: Present :-

Councillor Lewis (C) (Chairman)

Councillors Barnby, Bent, Bye, Darling (S), Stockman (Vice-Chair), Stocks, Tolchard and Tyerman

(Also in attendance: The Elected Mayor and Councillors Haddock, Mills and Parrott)

25. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 6 September 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

26. Update of Torbay Economic Strategy

The Board considered the draft Torbay Economic Strategy which was due to be considered by the Council at its meeting on 19 October 2017. The Strategy provided a five year plan for growing Torbay's economy with an action plan focussing on sustainable productive growth.

Resolved: that the following views of the Board be forwarded to the Council:

The Board recognises the importance of achieving the objectives set out in the Economic Strategy in meeting the ambition of the Corporate Plan to support and improve the economy in Torbay. As such the Board supports the broad direction and the objectives of the proposed Strategy.

The Board has heard that, whilst there is currently adequate economic development funding available to pump-prime the strategy, overall delivery will be reliant upon many other funding streams. It is imperative, therefore, that economic development resources continue to be available and the Board will take this into account in considering the Mayor's budget proposals for 2018/19 and future years.

27. Addressing the Challenges of Coastal Communities

The Board considered a discussion paper prepared by the Director of Economic Strategy and Performance at the TDA on the potential to create Coastal Enterprise Zones.

Resolved: the Board support the proposals within the discussion paper on the creation of Coastal Enterprise Zones and piloting such an initiative in Torbay.

Chairman



Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Board **Date:** 29 November 2017

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Title: Draft Heart of the South West Productivity Strategy

Is the decision a key decision? No

When does the decision need to be implemented? By 14 December 2017

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1. Purpose and Introduction

- 1.1 The Heart of the South West (HotSW) Partnership consists of the County, Unitary and District Councils covering Devon and Somerset as well as the two National Parks, three Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Local Enterprise Partnership. Whilst there remains a lack of clarity over future devolution deals, the Partnership is continuing to work together to pursue its objective of increasing prosperity in the region.
- 1.2 The Partnership has produced the HotSW Draft Productivity Strategy which outlines a vision for driving productivity and prosperity for all in the Heart of the South West. This has been prepared taking account of the evidence base which formed the Green Paper “Driving Productivity in the Heart of the South West” and the feedback received during that phase of engagement.
- 1.3 The overall aim of the Productivity Strategy is to increase productivity and prosperity for all. Within this there are three objectives:
 - Leadership and knowledge
 - Working and learning
 - Connectivity and infrastructure.In addition, there are three cross cutting themes:
 - Inclusive growth
 - Golden opportunities
 - Natural capital

1.4 The Partnership is seeking the views of those in the private, public and third sector on the draft Productivity Strategy. Engagement events, lead by both local authorities and the LEP, are being held across the region. In addition a questionnaire is available at www.torbay.gov.uk/devolution. The consultation ends on 14 December and the Partnership (through the newly established Joint Committee) will consider feedback in early 2018.

1.5 The framework of a Torbay Council response to the consultation is attached for the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Board ahead of the Executive Head – Business Services formally submitting the response.

2. Proposed Decision

2.1 **That the Board consider identifying any issues it wishes to see included in a Torbay Council response to the draft Productivity Strategy.**

3. Reason for Decision

3.1 To enable non-executive members to share their views.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Draft Productivity Strategy

Appendix 2: Draft Torbay Council response