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Initial Overview and Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2026/2027 – Draft V3 for publication

Approved on ??? - Updated 13/3/26 by Teresa Buckley

To be scheduled

Date	Meeting	Issue	Outcomes and Objectives
TBC	Board	Update on Playing Pitch Strategy and Sports Strategy	To receive an update on the Playing Pitch Strategy and Sports Strategy.
TBC	Board	Torre Abbey Business Plan 2026-2030	To review the Torre Abbey Business Plan for 2026-2030 and make recommendations to the Cabinet (requested at Board on 11.2.26)

Timetable of Meetings

Shaded meetings represent quarterly budget and performance meetings – no other items should be included on these meetings unless they are timebound.

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3 June 2026	Board	Performance Quarter 4	<p>To review the Council's key performance indicators and make recommendations to the Cabinet</p> <p>(Note: future reports to include more detail within the performance report under the sections where the performance is not meeting its target.)</p>
3 June 2026	Board	Budget Monitoring Q4 Outturn	<p>To consider the Budget Monitoring Report for Quarter 4 (to include Revenue Budget and Capital Budget monitoring together with financial and delivery details of the Capital Programme) and make recommendations to the Cabinet</p> <p>Note: future Budget Monitoring reports include more detail on the Higher Needs Element of the Dedicated Schools Grant and Safety Valve (requested at O&S 6 November 2024.) Collection rates to include percentages e.g. what does good look like compared to the budget (requested O&S 11 February 2026).</p> <p>Members requested future reports include the following (12 February 2025):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> headings on each page of tables to make them easier to follow;

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8 July 2026	Board	SWISCo Annual Report and Business Plan	<p>To review the SWISCo Annual Report and Business Plan and make recommendations to the Cabinet. Previously due January/February each year but moved to July to fit with Council reporting schedule).</p> <p>What plans have been put in place to manage the former Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust land?</p> <p>Future reports to include what weed work had been done as a comparison over the last five years (requested Overview and Scrutiny Board 4.12.25)</p>
8 July 2026	Board	Costs and efficiencies arising from the transfer of the TDA to Torbay Council	To review the costs and efficiencies arising from the transfer of the TDA to Torbay Council.

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			(requested at Board on 14 January 2026 – Members to determine what they want to be included within the report)
12 August 2026	Board	Performance Quarter 1	<p>To review the Council’s key performance indicators and make recommendations to the Cabinet</p> <p>(Note: future reports to include more detail within the performance report under the sections where the performance is not meeting its target.)</p>
12 August 2026	Board	Budget Monitoring Q1	<p>To consider the Budget Monitoring Report for Quarter 1 (to include Revenue Budget and Capital Budget monitoring together with financial and delivery details of the Capital Programme) and make recommendations to the Cabinet</p> <p>Note: future Budget Monitoring reports include more detail on the Higher Needs Element of the Dedicated Schools Grant and Safety Valve (requested at O&S 6 November 2024.) Collection rates to include percentages e.g. what does good look like compared to the budget (requested O&S 11 February 2026).</p> <p>Members requested future reports include the following (12 February 2025):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • headings on each page of tables to make them easier to follow; • the description relating to the Waste Disposal budget to be expanded to make it clearer to understand what was covered e.g. recycling and residual waste;

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12 August 2026	Board	Annual Review of the Destination Management Plan	To review the delivery of the English Riviera Destination Management Plan 2022 – 2030 (to be reviewed annually or sooner if there are concerns, to ensure that delivery of the Plan remain achievable, arising from Events, Culture and Tourism Review)
9 September 2026	Board	Safer Communities Torbay Annual Review	<p>The 2026 annual Safer Communities Torbay report includes an update on the implementation of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracking crime, ASB and health data from police and other partners. • Gathering feedback from the community and partners through regular consultation and informal engagement including assessing fear of crime. • Conducting qualitative assessments of interventions. • Maintaining an overarching risk register against delivery of this strategy. • Conducting focussed assurance activity based on risk. • Carrying out ‘deep dives’ into emerging issues or areas of concern. • Producing quarterly and annual performance reports.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying out an annual 'health check' on how we are doing as a partnership against our stated principles. • Annual review of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence.
14 October 2026	Spotlight Review	Water and Flooding	<p>To undertake an annual spotlight review on water and flooding.</p> <p>Key lines of enquiry to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual update on SWW activities, including storm overflows. • Annual update on Environment Agency activities. <p>Invitees: South West Water Environment Agency Director of Pride in Place Engineering Service Lead Councillors Chris Lewis and Billings (Cabinet Members)</p>
11 November 2026	Board	Performance Quarter 2	<p>To review the Council's key performance indicators and make recommendations to the Cabinet</p> <p>(Note: future reports to include more detail within the performance report under the sections where the performance is not meeting its target.)</p>
11 November 2026	Board	Budget Monitoring Q2	<p>To consider the Budget Monitoring Report for Quarter 2 (to include Revenue Budget and Capital Budget monitoring together with financial and delivery details of the Capital Programme) and make recommendations to the Cabinet</p>

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9 December 2026	Board	Update on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Local Area Strategy	Update on the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Local Area Strategy following stock take.

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9 December 2026	Board	Annual Review of Operation Brighter Bay and Operation Town Centres	To review the implementation of Operation Brighter Bay and Operation Town Centres projects
6 January 2027	Board	Annual Review of the Events Strategy as aligned with Destination Management Plan	To review the delivery of the Torbay Council English Riviera (Outdoor) Events Strategy 2021 – 2027.
6 January 2027	Board	Revenue and Capital Budget 2027/2028 – Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board	To agree the final report of the Priorities and Resources Review 2027/2028 on the Revenue and Capital Budget for 2027/2028.
10 February 2027	Board	Performance Quarter 3	To review the Council’s key performance indicators and make recommendations to the Cabinet (Note: future reports to include more detail within the performance report under the sections where the performance is not meeting its target.)
10 February 2027	Board	Budget Monitoring Q3	To consider the Budget Monitoring Report for Quarter 3 (to include Revenue Budget and Capital Budget monitoring together with financial and delivery details of the Capital Programme) and make recommendations to the Cabinet Note: future Budget Monitoring reports include more detail on the Higher Needs Element of the Dedicated Schools Grant and Safety Valve (requested at O&S 6 November 2024.) Collection rates to

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10 February 2027	Board	Annual Review of the Torre Abbey Annual Business Plan	<p>To review the annual Business Plan for Torre Abbey together with details of performance against the previous plan (arising from Events, Culture and Tourism Review).</p> <p>To receive an update on the Torre Abbey Christmas Market and Bay of Lights for 2026.</p>
10 March 2027	Board	Annual Review of English Riviera Beach Standards	<p>To review the implementation of the English Riviera Beach Standards introduced in 2026 (requested at the Board on 11 May 2026).</p>

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10 March 2027	Board	Annual Review of the Carbon Neutral Council Action Plan	To review the implementation of the Carbon Neutral Council Action Plan.
7 April 2027	Board	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2026/2027	To approve the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2025/2026 for submission to Annual Council on May 2026.
7 April 2027	Board	Initial Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2027/2028	To approve the initial Work Programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Board and note the emerging Work Programmes for the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board and the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Board.

Other issues to be considered:

Topic	Actions required by Board Members
<p data-bbox="203 248 689 284">Priority and Resources 2027/2028</p> <p data-bbox="300 323 658 359">P&R 1 = December 2026</p> <p data-bbox="300 399 539 434">Revenue Budget</p> <ul data-bbox="300 438 909 627" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="300 438 591 474">• Budget Overview<li data-bbox="300 477 779 512">• Chief Finance Officer's Report<li data-bbox="300 515 613 550">• Fees and Charges<li data-bbox="300 553 640 588">• Reserves Statement<li data-bbox="300 592 909 627">• Financial Sustainability Plans Summary <p data-bbox="300 667 517 702">Capital Budget</p> <ul data-bbox="300 707 902 863" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="300 707 577 742">• Capital Strategy<li data-bbox="300 745 797 780">• Treasury Management Strategy<li data-bbox="300 783 902 818">• Grant Funding Pending Business Case<li data-bbox="300 821 815 857">• Updated Capital Investment Plan <p data-bbox="300 935 1099 1007">P&R 2 = December 2026 – split to be confirmed for P&R 1 and 2</p> <p data-bbox="300 1046 1066 1190">P&R 3 = January 2027 - to pick up issues not covered from first two meetings plus update from final budget announcement and agree outline recommendations to Board</p> <p data-bbox="203 1230 501 1265">O&B = January 2027</p>	<p data-bbox="1126 248 1962 320">Dates to be confirmed once the budget timetable has been agreed.</p> <p data-bbox="1126 360 1912 395">Members to identify key lines of enquiry and attendees.</p>