Record of Decisions

Torbay Heritage Strategy 2026-2031

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 20 October 2026

Decision

1. that, the Heritage Strategy (2026-2031), as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to the submitted report, be approved; and

2. that delegated authority be given to the Director of Pride in Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Place Development and Economic Growth to approve any necessary minor amendments or typographical corrections to the documents.

Reason for the Decision

The updated Strategy provided a clear framework for the management and enhancement of Torbay's heritage assets, supported the delivery of the Heritage Place Programme and strengthened opportunities to attract external funding while contributing to economic growth, community wellbeing and place-shaping.

Implementation

This decision may be implemented on 2 November 2026 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The updated Torbay Heritage Strategy sets out the Council's approach to heritage, enables the Council to confirm and develop plans for specific locations, sets out statutory requirements (e.g. Listed Buildings, Conservation Area Appraisals, Scheduled Ancient Monuments and non-designated heritage assets). The Torbay Heritage Strategy also reflects the progress made since 2021 and reaffirms the Council's commitment to putting Torbay's fascinating history and rich heritage at the heart of the area's economic, cultural and social life.

At the meeting Councillor Chris Lewis proposed and Councillor Jackie Thomas seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Not updating the existing Heritage Strategy was rejected as it would have left the Council with an outdated document that did not reflect current circumstances or priorities for heritage management through to 2031.

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I116513

Does the call-in procedure apply?

No

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____ Date: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet