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Statement of representations Energy and Climate Change Strategy

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Introduction

Torbay Council is committed to ensuring that this revised strategy considers a consultation process engages with the local community and partners. The consultation process for the Energy and Climate Change Strategy has included involvement of key internal and local stakeholders, including elected Members, the local community and partners.

Consultation and Engagement Process

Public Consultation

A three week public consultation period was conducted between 28th May 2014 and 18th June 2014. The document was made freely available on the Torbay Council website, printed draft copies were available for reference in Torbay's libraries and Connections offices.

The consultation period was publicised with press releases to local media and distribution of posters advertising the consultation. Targeted emails were sent to Voluntary and Community groups and Social Enterprises in Torbay. External partners were also individually invited to comment. Various social media platforms were used to promote the consultation.

Internal Council meetings

The strategy was the subject of consideration and discussion at various internal departmental meetings and considered more widely at the Conservative Group 22/04/14, and Senior Leadership Team meeting 29/04/14.

The draft strategy was considered by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board at its publicly accessible meeting on the 18th June 2014.

Consultees

An invite to engage with the consultation was sent to organisations and representatives of:

All Torbay councillors
Brixham Town Councillors
Torbay Harbour Authority
Torbay Development Agency
TOR2
English Riviera Tourism Company
South West Energy Centre
Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust
Torbay Community Builders
Living Coast/Paignton Zoo
Teignbridge Council
South Devon AONB
South Hams District Council
Devon County Council
464 local Voluntary and Community groups and Social Enterprises in Torbay (see Appendix 1)

Overview and Scrutiny

Torbay Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board considered the strategy on the 18th June 2014 and recommended amendments.

O & S Board recommendation: That examples/action plans to underpin the strategy and core climate change issues the Local Authority should be tackling are included in the strategy.

The strategy was amended by the inclusion of five case studies and an action plan detailing the funding and timescale of project delivery over the five year duration of the strategy

Public Consultation Responses

All representations received have been given careful consideration together with the issues they have raised. Where appropriate, amendments have been made and incorporated into the text

Cllr Matthew James - Date received – 28/05/14	
Comment/ All document	It doesn't mention emissions from food. The UN in 2007 said food contributed more to CO2 emissions than anything else including transport. I think we need to seriously consider policies as an authority to reduce food emissions such as promotions of initiatives such as meatless Mondays, earth hour, local food, farmers markets and importantly – why not change our tree strategy to say the trees we plant on the streets or the plants we plant in our parks will be edible e.g. fruit trees which people can access food from if they so wish. It's many little things together that will add up to a big difference.
Comment/ reference 5.7	The other big thing I think is missing is raising awareness of the issue of Peak Oil. I couldn't find it mentioned in the strategy and I think it's a bigger threat to humanity than even climate change. I think it's very important to put information about Peak Oil in there and start getting everyone preparing for it – If oil runs out (and soon after the other non renewables run out)....we won't even be able to make things like solar panels....Torbay needs to start preparing people for that eventuality now considering its likely we have just passed Peak Oil.
Proposed action and notes	The strategy has been amended to include food security as an element of Climate change resilience Policy 9. 'A Tree and Woodland Framework for Torbay 2012-17 references Climate Change (3.3) and Community Orchards (4.3.5). Furthermore the GI strategy has many references to fruit trees The first CCS has a specific reference to Peak Oil, and sections on 'what is' and 'why act' on climate change. The revised updated document has been amended to link back to the original document and reference these sections.

Ian Bright, Director of Totnes Renewable Energy Society (TRESOC) – 29/05/14

Comment/ Document reference	The Torbay Strategy looks very promising but it would be good to see reference to the Community Energy Strategy https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-energy-strategy .
Proposed action and notes	The strategy has been amended adding a link to the Community Energy Strategy in section 2.8

Sheila O'Connor– Member of the public - 09/06/14

Comment/ All document	In reading through the draft energy and climate change plan, there seem to be two areas missing from the policies under Resilience. The first is the need for resilience and adaptation work that concerns nature and the natural environment in its own right, and not just using the natural environment as a means to improved resilience using the environment as stated in Policy 9 - Torbay Council will work with partners to explore opportunities for reducing carbon emissions and contribute to resilience using the natural environment. The second is given the importance of agriculture in Torbay, it seems an omission not to specifically describe a policy for working on climate change issues as they relate to agriculture.
Proposed action and notes	ECCS Policy 9 is written in a broad sense to encompass the comments made relating to the whole natural environment including agriculture and the wider understanding of the tern resilience including food security. Section 5.7 has been amended to include sustainable agriculture. The councils Local Plan specifically covers this area in detail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 6.3.1.7. page 111 Policy SC4 Sustainable food production • Policy C1 Countryside and the rural economy p110 • and Policy NC1 Biodiversity and geodiversity p120

Chris Bouchard– Senior Valuer, TDA - 10/06/14

Comment re- 2.7	I think that the strategy should make reference to the potential effects of the Energy Act 2011 as it is intended that this will come into force on 01 April 2018.
Proposed action and notes	Section 2.7 references and includes a link to the Energy Act 2011. The potential exposure to financial risk to the authority is being considered in relation to mandatory EPC ratings in council owned buildings has been added in section 8.4 The Council, along with other commercial landlords, will need to consider the effects of the Energy Act 2011 in terms of the energy efficiency of their let estate. If any work needs to be done to ensure premises reach the required standard and if, for whatever reason, it can't be funded through the Green Deal and/or the Energy Company Obligation then there may be some cost implications to the Council or other landlords.

Doug Palmer– Member of the public - 18/06/14

Comment/ All Document -	I believe we all have to do as much as we possibly can to create a better future. Renewables are the only option for our future energy needs and it makes good financial sense too. In Torbay we have the potential for wind, solar (pv and thermal), hydro, wave and tidal energy projects.
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	<p>The lagoon project currently being considered for the Bristol Channel could perhaps be adopted in part for the bay.</p> <p>Rain water harvesting should also be considered, as it reduces the energy required to pump and process our drinking water. It should help reduce the council's water costs.</p> <p>Low impact housing should be encouraged.</p> <p>And a monorail public transport system could provide a clean, environmentally responsible system.</p> <p>It also requires little floor space, would help tourism.</p>
<p>Proposed action and notes</p>	<p>Section 4.7 responds to the statements regarding renewable energy potential in Torbay signposting readers to Torbay's Planning Policy Statement 1, Sustainable Energy Assessment.</p> <p>Significant investment in offshore renewable projects in Torbay can only be considered at a national level and no current information regarding future projects is available.</p> <p>Section 8.11 has been amended to reference water management</p> <p>The document has been amended to highlight the potential for rainwater harvesting in Torbay and acknowledge the potential cost benefits</p> <p>The policies set out in the emerging Local Plan are essentially about growth within environmental limits. It contains policies that specifically encourage low impact housing e.g. DE1, ES1, ES2 and SS13.</p> <p>Investments in projects in sustainable transport systems are currently considered within the Local Sustainable Transport Plan 2011 – 2026 and no current information regarding future projects beyond that date is available.</p>

Energy and Climate Change Strategy - Press Release

Have your say on Torbay's Energy and Climate Change Strategy

PR4298 27/05/2014

Torbay Council has produced a new draft energy and climate change strategy and is seeking the views of Torbay residents and businesses. The consultation is open between 28 May and 18 June, and feedback can be given on line or by post.

Residents, businesses and other stakeholders are being invited to have their say which aims to tackle climate change and meet the energy challenge that faces everyone.

The strategy aims and build on the work already taking place in the Bay.

Torbay Council's second Climate Change Strategy aims to provide a framework for the council its partners and the wider community; to help build a low carbon future and increase energy security for local people.

The strategy takes forward the previous five year strategy of 2008 – 2013. It considers the financial and environmental impact of energy use and sets out actions on energy security and carbon reduction for the next five years. The policies and projects highlighted in the document build on the work already being carried out across the Bay.

Torbay has reduced emissions by over 25% since 1990 but to meet national targets - a 34% cut in carbon emissions by 2020 and 80% by 2050 - there needs to be considerable activity on an unprecedented scale.

Reducing emissions can have short term cost benefits for residents and businesses as well as helping secure the long term future of our energy resources and environment.

Torbay Council is keen to find out what the public thinks about the draft strategy; what they like about it, how it could be improved and how Torbay Council could support residents or businesses in reducing energy and emissions and addressing climate change.

The council's draft Energy and Climate Change Strategy can be viewed in Connections offices and libraries throughout the Bay, and on line at: www.torbay.gov.uk/climatechange and comments can be made via e-mail to sustainability@torbay.gov.uk or by post to Environmental Policy, Torbay Council, 2nd Floor Electric House, Castle Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3DR. The deadline for comments is 18 June 2014.

Torbay Council's Deputy Mayor and Executive Lead for Strategic Planning, Housing and Energy, Councillor David Thomas said: "Torbay Council is committed to safeguarding the energy resources for local people and ensuring that there is a sustainable and cost effective supply. Energy security and climate change has an enormous effect on us all; but it is in our hands to address it on a local as well as national level.

"We at Torbay Council realise that no one person or one organisation can tackle climate change alone; so we have devised a workable strategy that can enable us all make savings to help ourselves and the environment. We really want as many people as possible to tell us what they think so we can use their responses to shape this strategy."

Appendix 1

ORGANISATIONS
(T.O.R.C) Torbay Open Recovery Community
11th Torbay (Barton) Sea Scouts
1st Barton Brownies & Guides
2nd Paignton Boys Brigade
6th Torbay Britannia Sea Scouts
9th Paignton Guide Unit
Abbeyfield South West Society
ABCD / Riviera Renaissance
Acacia Training and development
ACE - Access to Community Education
Acorn Junior Badminton Club
Acorn Youth, Community and Sports Centre
Action for Blind People
Action for Children - Torbay Children's Centres
Active Devon
Adelphi Shuttles Badminton Club
Aetherius Society
Age UK Torbay
Air Training Corps - 200 Torquay ATC Squadron
Alcoholics Anonymous
All Saints' Babbacombe
Alstrom Syndrome UK Support Group
Alzheimer's Society South Devon Branch
Animals In Distress
Annie Westcott Consultancy
Anode - A Positive Connection
Arena Ice
Arthritis Care (Torbay Branch)
Assumption of Our Lady (The Church of the)
Babbacombe Corinthian Sailing & Cadet Club
Babbacombe Townswomen's Guild
Barnardos (parents in prison)
Barnardos South West
Barton & Watcombe Community Partnership
Barton Baptist Church
Bay Blooms District Action Group
Bay Bouncers
Bacons Wheelchair Dancers (The)
Bikers Make A Difference - BMAD
Blatchcombe Community Partnership
Blue Cross (The)

Bridge Associates
British Dyslexia Association
British Heart Foundation Shop
British Lung Foundation (The)
British Red Cross (Devon Branch)
British Red Cross Society (Project Torbay)
Brixham Admiral Swim Company Ltd
Brixham Amateur Swimming & Life Saving Society
Brixham Baptist Church Youth Groups and the Island Club
Brixham Battery Heritage Centre Group
Brixham Beacon of Light Fellowship
Brixham Buccaneers
Brixham Community Church
Brixham Community College
Brixham Community Partnership
Brixham Does Care
Brixham Heritage Museum & History Society
Brixham Hospital League of Friends
Brixham Junior Sailing Club
Brixham Methodist Church
Brixham Pirate Festival
Brixham Roman Catholic Church
Brixham Sea Anglers Club
Brixham Youth Rugby Club
Broadsands and Elbury Residents' Association
Brunel Patient Support Group
C.A.P.T.A.R.A. - Corfe and Pendennis Tenants and Residents Association
Cara Community Care
Carers Direct
Carers of children with disabilities
Caring Cancer Trust
Cary Park Junior Tennis Club
Cats Protection (Torquay and District)
Central Church
Centrepeace
Cerebra for Brain Injured Children and Young People
CHAD
Chelston Community Association
Cherryaiders
CHICKS
Chilcote Care
Childline South West
Childrens Air Ambulance (The)
Children's Hospice South West
Children's Society (The) & Children's Rights and Participation Torbay
Chill'd Out Youth Project

Choices Consultancy Service
Christ Church Paignton
Christian Science Committee on Publication for Devon
Christians Together in Brixham
Christians Together in Torquay
Churston Ferrers Grammar School
Churston Galmpton and Broadsands Community Partnership
Churston Golf Club Junior Section
Cinnamon Trust (The)
Circus & Barton Badminton Club
Circus Torbay
Clifton and Maidenway Community Partnership
Clive Olney Trust Fund (The)
Coalition of Disabled People South Devon
Cockington Chelston and Livermead Community Partnership
Collaton St Mary Playgroup
Colsia Enterprises
Community Service Volunteers
Contact a Family
Contact The Elderly - Torbay Branch
Cool Recovery
Corner Care Patient Support Group
Cornwall & South Devon Boxer Rescue
Covenants and Gift Aid
Creativity Centre Educational Trust (The)
Crossroads Care
Dart Sailability Group
Dartington School for Social Entrepreneurs (The)
David Jenkin Fitness
Dawlish Gardens Trust
Deaf Children's Society (Exeter & South Devon)
Devon & Cornwall Linux User group
Devon & Cornwall Lupus Group
Devon Air Ambulance Trust
Devon Appropriate Adult Voluntary Scheme (DAAVS)
Devon CAP (Child Assault Prevention)
Devon Clutter Busters
Devon Dyslexia Association
Devon EMS Associates
Devon in Sight
Devon Wildlife Trust
Diabetes UK (South Devon Voluntary Group)
Diamond Kite Group
Dimensions for Living
Disabled Sailing Association
Divers Down

Domestic Violence and Abuse Service (South and West Devon)
DownSouth
Eat That Frog
Eddystone Trust (The)
Elders & Youngers (The)
Elizabeth Finn Care
Ellacombe Community Partnership
Epilepsy Action (Torbay Branch)
Epilepsy Society
Experts by Experience
Faithnetsouthwest
Families and Carers Trust
Fata He BME Development
Feline Network
Fernlea Trust
Fibromyalgia Association UK
Fishstock Brixham
Foxhole Community Association
Foxhole Grace Baptist Church
Foxhole Unique Neighbourhood (FUN)
Friends of Kings and Torre Abbey Gardens
Friends of Kitson Park
Friends of Shoalstone Pool
Friends of the Churchyard
Friends of The Palace Theatre
Friends of Torre Abbey
Galmpton Pre-School
Galmpton Residents Association
Galmpton Village Institute
Go Kids Go! (Association of wheelchair children)
Goodrington Action Group
Goodrington Methodist Church
Goodrington Roselands and Hookhills Community Partnership
Grandparents Association Torbay
Great Parks Community Association
Grenville House - Outdoor Education Centre
Groundwork South
Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (The)
Hand in Hand Volunteering/ Mentoring Service
Headway Devon
Healthwatch Torbay
Hele and Lower Barton Community Partnership Hele's angels Community Board
Hele Hub CIC
Hele Road Baptist Church
Hele Village Community Association
Hele's Angels

Holy Angels Pre-School
Home Start Torbay
Hookhills & Broadsands Community Centre
Hookhills & Broadsands Park Community Association
Huntington's Disease Association
I Can Do That!
Ibex Canoe Club
IDT Training & Education
Imagine
Independent Age
Independent Training and Professional Coaching
Indigos Go Wild - Play Torbay
Individual Training Solutions
In-Tent
Intercom Trust
Inverteign Family Learning Centre
Jatis Project (The)
Jo Jingles
Just People - Prison Advice & Care Trust Project -
Karing Voluntary Group
Keibudo Karate School
Key Change
Kings Arms Church
Kings Bowling Club
Knowing me lifebooks
Leonard Cheshire Disability
Let the Children Live (Paignton)
Linx Christian Youth Trust
Lions Club of Babbacombe and St Marychurch
Lions Club of Torquay
Living Options Devon
Living Waters Assemblies of God Pentecostal Church
Living Waters Youth Club
Lupton Trust
Maidencombe Residents Association
Make-A-Wish Foundation UK
Mamatoto Birth
Mare and Foal Sanctuary
Marie Curie Cancer Care
MASH - Mutual Aid & Self Help
Mencap / Torbay Older Family Carers Initiative
Methodist Circuit
Money Back Switch Ltd
Motor Neurone Disease Association (Torbay & District Branch)
Moving On
Multiple Sclerosis Society South Devon Branch
National Association of Colitis & Crohn's Disease - Torbay Area Group

National Federation of the Blind - Torbay Area Branch
National Trust - Greenway (The)
Nightstop Devon
NSPCC - Devon & Cornwall Young Witness Support Project
NSPCC Torquay Committee
Oddicombe Swimming and Lifesaving Club
Our Lady Help of Christians and St Denis
Outset Torbay
Oxfam Charity Shop
Paignton Access to Learning (PALS)
Paignton Canoe Club
Paignton Community & Sports College
Paignton Friends of Guiding
Paignton Junior Sailing Club
Paignton League of Friends Trolley Shop
Paignton Parish Church
Paignton Regatta Committee
Paignton Sea Anglers Association
Paignton Spiritualist Church
Paignton Town Community Partnerhip
Parent Participation Forum
Parents Advisory Board (Watcombe)
Parkinson's UK (Torbay & District Branch)
Parkview Society (The)
Participate Arts CIC
PDSA - Charity Shop
Peninsula SQ
Photographic Angle (The)
Pilgrim BM 45 Trust Ltd
Plainmoor Girls' FC
Play Torbay
Plough and Share Credit Union
Pluss
Poets Torbay
Preston Baptist Church
Preston Community Partnership
Pride in Brixham Volunteers
Pride Torbay
Prince's Trust South West (The)
Purple Initiative
QUEST
Rainbow Café
Rape and Sexual Abuse Line
React
Re-Branch
Recovery Devon
Redeeming out Communities
ReFurnish

Relate South Devon
REVIVE
Riviera Concert Brass
Riviera FM
Riviera Life Church
Riviera Life Church - Loaded Youth Group
Riviera Printers
Riviera Spurs Football Club
Riviera Twirlstars
RNIB (Volunteering Team)
RNLI Torbay
Robert Owen Communities
ROC Café - Great Parks
Roselands Community Nursery & Playschool
Rotary Club of Babbacombe and St Marychurch
Rotary Club of Brixham
Rotary Club of Paignton
Rotary Club of Preston
Rotary Club of Torquay
Rowcroft Hospice
Royal Air Forces Association
Royal British Legion Torquay Branch
Royal British Legion Womens Section
Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. R.N.M.D.S.F.
RSPB
RSPCA - Torquay & South East Devon Branch
Rural Racism Project (The)
Salvation Army (Brixham)
Salvation Army Corps and Community Church
Salvation Army Paignton
Samaritans of South Devon
Sanctuary Housing
Scope
SEAP (Support, empower, advocate, promote)
Shared Lives South West
Shekinah Mission
Shekinah Mission - Growing for Life
Shekinah Mission - Re-Work
Shelter Box
Shiphay and the Willows Community Partnership
Shopmobility Paignton
Shopmobility Torquay
Simple Signing Says... (Baby Signing Classes)
Single Parent Action Network - SPAN UK
Single Parent Travel Club
Sladnor Community Group
SMART
So-Fly CIC

Sound Communities
South Devon Biomass Company
South Devon Carers Consortium
South Devon Choir
South Devon College
South Devon Headway Centre
South Devon Healthcare (Voluntary Services)
South Devon Players
South Devon Ramblers (R.A.)
South Devon School of Gymnastics
South Devon TaeKwon-Do School
South West Children's Heart Circle
South West Energy Centre
South West Environmental Parks Ltd (Living Coasts)
South West Environmental Parks Ltd (Paignton Zoo)
South West Forum
Speaking Out in Torbay
SRS Training
SSAFA - Soldiers, Sailors and Air Force Assoc Forces Help
St Anne's Hall (Babbacombe) Ltd
St Cuthbert Mayne School
St George and St Mary Cockington
St John The Baptist
St John The Baptist, Shiphay
St Lukes Church
St Lukes Residents Association
St Martin's Church
St Mary Magdalene
St Marychurch & District Action Group (Bay Blooms)
St Marychurch and District Community Partnership
St Matthew Chelston
St Matthias Church and Centre
St Peter, Queensway, Chelston
St Peters Centre
Stable Friends
Stroke Association (S West Region) (The)
Sue Ryder Care
Sun Lotus Taiko
Survivors UK
Swim Torquay
Sylvan Adventures
Synchronise
Systain-able
TaeKwon-do Torbay
TBA
TCDT / EVE Project
TCDT / Fundraisers forum
TCDT / Trip

TCF - The Compassionate Friends
TGGS: All Weather Pitch
The Conservation Volunteers (former) BTCV
The Haven
The Land Society
Thera South West
TIC TAC
TIFF
Torbay District Lifesaving and Lifeguarding Club
Torbay & District Badminton Association
Torbay Advice Network TAN
Torbay Amateur Athletic Club
Torbay and South West of England Festival
Torbay Bipolar Group
Torbay British Sub-Aqua Club
Torbay Carnival
Torbay Citizens Advice Bureau
Torbay Civic Society
Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust
Torbay Counselling Service
Torbay Country Bowling Club
Torbay Dementia Action Alliance
Torbay Development Agency
Torbay Disability Information Service
Torbay Family Market
Torbay Foodbank
Torbay Governors Association
Torbay Guild of Artists
Torbay Hockey Club
Torbay Holiday Helpers Network THHN
Torbay Hospital League of Friends
Torbay IBD Patient Panel
Torbay Islamic Centre
Torbay ME / CFS Support and Fibromyalgia Group
Torbay Mencap Society
Torbay Neighbourhood Watch
Torbay Older Citizens Forum
Torbay Olympic Gymnastics Club
Torbay Poetry Festival
Torbay Prostate Support Association (TPSA)
Torbay Sailability Ltd
Torbay Scouts
Torbay Sea Cadets
Torbay Social Club for the Visually Impaired
Torbay Social Enterprise Network
Torbay Sports Council
Torbay Street Pastors
Torbay Tapes

Torbay Voice
Torquay Athletic RFC (Juniors)
Torquay Athletic Rugby Club
Torquay Boys Grammar School
Torquay Charities
Torquay Child Contact Centre
Torquay Christadelphians
Torquay Community College
Torquay Golf Club
Torquay Grammar School for Girls
Torquay Lawn Tennis Club
Torquay Leander Swimming & Lifesaving Society
Torquay Museum
Torquay Olympic Trampolining Club
Torquay PHAB Club
Torquay Rowing Club
Torquay Town Centre Community Partnership
Torquay United Indoor Bowling Club
Torquay United Inspirations Football Club
Torquay Wind & Surf Centre
Torre and Upton Community Partnership
Triumph Over Phobia
United Reformed Church (The)
Upton Vale Baptist Church
Victim Support In Devon
Victoria Bowling Club
Vocal Advocacy
Watcombe Community Association
WEEE Sort It
Wellswood and Torwood Community Partnership
Westcountry Housing Association
Westlands School and Technology College
White Rock Pre-school
Whitley Wildlife Conservation Trust (The)
Wild Fox Community Development Project
Willows and New Barton Community Association
Women's Running Network - Torquay
Wood and More Community Recycling
Wren Music
YMCA South Devon
Young Archaeologists Club (YAC) Torbay
Young at Heart - Torbay
Young Devon
Youth Enquiry Service (Brixham)
Youth Genesis
Zoe Bible Church