

# **FORWARD PLAN**

**Compiled on behalf of the Cabinet**

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# **Torbay Council**

## **Forward Plan of Key Decisions**

### **Explanatory Note**

Torbay Council is required to publish a Forward Plan of all key decisions to be taken in the following four months. The first Plan became effective on 1 March 2002. It is updated monthly.

The Regulations define a key decision as a decision that is likely to:

- (i) result in incurring expenditure or making of savings which are significant; or
- (ii) be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in the area.

The Council has produced comprehensive criteria to define "significant" and these are set out on the following page.

The Forward Plan consists of a brief description of the decisions that are to be made, consultation information, key risks and key opportunities.

Copies of the documents referred to in the Forward Plan may be obtained by contacting the Governance Support Team by telephone (01803 207087), email ([governance.support@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:governance.support@torbay.gov.uk)) or post (Town Hall, Castle Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3DR).

The Forward Plan is available free of charge on request from the Governance Support Team of Torbay Council. It is also available on the Council's website (<http://www.torbay.gov.uk/forward-plan>).

The Leader of the Council and Cabinet

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## Definitions of "significant"

### Expenditure and savings

A proposed decision shall be regarded as a Key Decision by way of “**incurring expenditure or making of savings which are significant**” if any one or more of the following apply:

- (1) In the opinion of the Chief Finance Officer, there is likely to be a budget variation (other than one within a Business Unit) of more than £250,000;
- (2) In the opinion of the Chief Finance Officer, it is likely to result in capital expenditure above that provided for in the capital programme and it is likely to involve an additional call on the Council’s internal resources of more than £250,000;
- (3) In the opinion of the relevant Director, the decision is likely to have a material effect on Council services, including where:
  - (i) an existing service will be reduced by more than 10 per cent or will cease altogether;
  - (ii) a service which is currently provided in house will be outsourced (or vice versa); or
  - (iii) a partnership will be entered with a third party which is likely to involve a material element of risk transfer to the Council;
- (4) The proposal involves the acquisition or disposal of land having a value estimated by the Chief Finance Officer to be likely to exceed £250,000;
- (5) The proposal involves the disposal of a capital asset (other than land) having a value estimated by the Chief Finance Officer to be likely to exceed £250,000;
- (6) Where in the opinion of the Director of Corporate Services the proposal is likely to result in compulsory redundancies or major changes to the terms and conditions of employment of 100 or more employees across the Council’s functions;

### Effect of communities

A proposed decision shall be regarded as a Key Decision by way of being “**significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in the area**” if the relevant Director or Assistant Director, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, considers that it ought to be included in the Forward Plan having regard to all the circumstances including the following principles:

- (1) A decision may affect a great number of people, or a number of wards, but not significantly and these decisions shall **not** normally be regarded as key;
- (2) A decision that has a significant impact on communities living or working in only one ward will normally be treated as a Key Decision e.g. a school closure or the introduction or amendment of traffic calming measures;
- (3) Where a decision is only likely to have a significant impact on a very small number of people in one ward it will **not** normally be key. But the people affected should be informed of the forthcoming decision in sufficient time for them to exercise their rights to see the relevant papers and make an input into the decision making process;

- (4) Consideration should be given to the level of public interest in the decision. The higher the level of interest the more appropriate it is that the decision should be considered to be key.

We want Torbay and its residents to thrive.

We want Torbay to be a place where we have turned the tide on poverty and tackled inequalities; where our children and older people will have high aspirations and where there are quality jobs, good pay and affordable housing for our residents.

We want Torbay to be the premier resort in the UK, with a vibrant arts and cultural offer for our residents and visitors to enjoy; where our built and natural environment is celebrated and where we play our part in addressing the climate change emergency.

The proposals in this Forward Plan help us to deliver this ambition by supporting the delivery of some or all of the following themes:

- thriving people;
- thriving economy;
- tackling climate change;
- Council fit for the future;
- the Council's responsibilities as corporate parents;
- tackling poverty, deprivation and vulnerability;
- people with learning disabilities.

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**Devolution – Deal for Devon and Torbay**

Torbay Council, alongside Devon County Council, is currently negotiating a Devolution Deal for Devon, Plymouth and Torbay. This would include the creation of Combined County Authority.

<b>Wards affected:</b>	All Wards
<b>Consultees:</b>	The community (including businesses), partner organisations (including education providers) and the Overview and Scrutiny Board.
<b>Means of Consultation:</b>	Meetings, questionnaire and circulation of papers.
<b>Documents to be considered:</b>	There are currently no documents published. All documents will normally be published at least five clear working days before the meeting. Where documents are not available five clear working days before the meeting, the documents will be published at the same time as they are made available to the decision maker.
<b>Responsible Cabinet Member and Officer:</b>	Leader of the Council (Councillor David Thomas) Chief Executive (Anne-Marie Bond)
<b>Link to targeted actions:</b>	Council fit for the future
<b>Reason for inclusion in the Forward Plan:</b>	High level of public interest
<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Cabinet Cabinet Council
<b>Intended Decision Date:</b>	Not before 1 Feb 2024 25 Apr 2024 30 Apr 2024
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## Torbay Road Public Realm and Highway Layout

To determine the final arrangement of the public realm and highway layout to enable delivery of the Future High Street Fund project.

The Future High Street Fund programme agreed with Government includes a project for Torbay Road. There have been three trial arrangements of the revised highway layout to understand how the final scheme will work.

<b>Wards affected:</b>	Roundham with Hyde
<b>Consultees:</b>	Cabinet, Group Leaders and Ward Councillors
<b>Means of Consultation:</b>	Briefing and report
<b>Documents to be considered:</b>	There are currently no documents published. All documents will normally be published at least five clear working days before the meeting. Where documents are not available five clear working days before the meeting, the documents will be published at the same time as they are made available to the decision maker.
<b>Responsible Cabinet Member and Officer:</b>	Cabinet Member for Place Development and Economic Growth and Deputy Leader of the Council (Councillor Chris Lewis)  Director of Pride in Place (Alan Denby)
<b>Link to targeted actions:</b>	Council fit for the future; Tackling poverty, deprivation and vulnerability; Thriving economy; Thriving people
<b>Reason for inclusion in the Forward Plan:</b>	High level of public interest
<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Director of Pride in Place
<b>Intended Decision Date:</b>	27 Mar 2024
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