

Planning and Transport

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Building Control

The Building Control statutory service is a cost recovery fee earning service which sets charges to recover the actual costs for carrying out the main building regulation function. Through a variety of legislation, the service administers and enforces a framework of national technical standards covering the design, construction, extension, adaptation and use of all types of buildings frequented by people. These standards also include provisions for: structural stability, fire protection, means of escape in case of fire, drainage, sound insulation, and ventilation.

Building Control is a statutory service, which regulates the built environment. This includes the health, safety, welfare and convenience of persons in and around buildings, the provision of access and facilities for persons with disabilities and the conservation of fuel and energy.

Concessionary Fares

Torbay Council operates a concessionary travel scheme under powers given to the Council as a Travel Concession Authority (TCA) that are primarily contained within the Transport Act 1985, the Transport Act 2000, the Travel Concession (Eligibility) Act 2002, and the Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007. These are national, statutory schemes.

The scheme provides a travel facility for persons of or above a certain age or who have a long term or permanent disability which affects their ability to get around. This facility lets them travel freely on services starting between 9:30 and 23:00 during weekdays, or all day on weekends and public holidays, on participating services. A negotiated cost per trip is paid to the operators by the council each month based on the number of trips taken.

Spatial Planning

Spatial Planning is responsible for regulating the construction of the built environment whilst promoting sustainable development. The service is also responsible for dealing with planning applications, appeals and enforcement, planning services and also incorporates Land Charges. Strategic Planning covers the statutory and advisory role of Strategic and Local Planning, Transportation and Environmental Policy / Sustainability. This includes preparation of input into the South West Regional Spatial Strategy, the Council's Local Development Framework, Local Transport Plan, Transport delivery reports, Climate Change, Sustainable Energy and other strategic plans and policies plus associated policy implementation and research, monitoring and project management.

Highways

This section of the budget provides statutory duty in discharging the Council's Highway Authority functions in managing and maintaining the highway network, street lighting and public rights of way. This includes road maintenance, restructuring, resurfacing and surface dressing. It is also responsible for the control and movement of vehicles, development and implementation of transport policies and schemes in support of the Local Transport Plan, also improving road safety which includes school crossing patrols.