

Meeting: Torbay Health & Wellbeing Board **Date:** 26 September 2024

Wards affected: All

Report Title: Torbay Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy 6 monthly progress report

When does the decision need to be implemented? No decision required, report for information

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This paper provides a high level summary of the Torbay Council Turning the Tide programme, for members' information.

2. Reason for Proposal and its benefits

- 2.1 The programme oversees and supports initiatives to help people experiencing difficulties associated with the challenges of poverty or the cost of living.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the report.

Supporting Information

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Turning the Tide programme is modelled on the Marmot principles first set out in *Fair Society, Healthy Lives* in 2008:
- Give every child the best start in life

- Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives
- Create fair employment and good work for all
- Ensure healthy standard of living for all
- Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities
- Strengthen the role and impact of ill-health prevention.

Fair Society Healthy Lives (The Marmot Review) - IHE (instituteofhealthequity.org).

- 1.2 The programme is led by Torbay Council's Director of Public Health and has input from cross-Council departments as well as partners across the health, care and voluntary sectors in Torbay.
- 1.3 The programme was remodelled in 2022/23 in response to the cost of living challenges facing local families and communities, and the focus is strongly on the drivers of poverty and ill-health including food, fuel, employment, skills and economic stability.

2. Summary of the programme

- 2.1 Turning the Tide has short and longer term activities which run alongside.
- 2.2 Medium and longer term objectives map to the Marmot areas and involve working with communities to:
 - Provide Early Help, and support through Family Hubs
 - Provide good employment and training opportunities, especially for young people with special educational needs and disabilities, or care experienced
 - Improve energy efficiency and warm home environments
 - Prevent and tackle homelessness, and to promote stable, secure and affordable homes
 - Reduce smoking prevalence and detect disease earlier, eg cancers and heart disease
 - Tackle poor mental health and wellbeing.
- 2.3 Short term work levers financial programmes, policies and partnerships to target support to those who need it most, for example use of the Household Support Fund, support for the Torbay Food Alliance, and referral for advice or support for cold or damp homes.
- 2.4 The short term element of Turning the Tide works closely with the system wide Winter Planning programme to help address problems which are particularly acute

when the weather is colder, infections are more widespread, and risks to health and wellbeing are generally highest.

3. Analytics

3.1 An overview of the health and wellbeing of Torbay residents is provided in the annual Joint Strategic Needs Assessment: [Provisional TORBAY JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2024/25 \(southdevonandtorbay.info\)](https://southdevonandtorbay.info). This also includes data around the drivers of ill-health.

3.2 Devon, Plymouth and Torbay Public Health and NHS teams developed a cost of living dashboard in 2023 which offers some high level information about the key indicators mapped to neighbourhood level (food poverty, relative child poverty, fuel poverty, benefit claims, income deprivation) [Cost of Living - Devon Health and Wellbeing](#).

3.3 There is useful comparative background information produced by a range of national organisations, eg Citizens Advice, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, and the Institute of Health Equity, among others.

3.4 The Social Mobility Commission launched its statutory State of the Nation annual report on 11 September 2024 <https://socialmobility.independent-commission.uk/policy-papers/state-of-the-nation-report-2024-local-to-national-mapping-opportunities-for-all/>. This report monitors progress of social mobility in the UK and highlights four overlapping challenges:

- low public confidence
- a younger generation doing less well than their parents, particularly in terms of pay, progression and housing
- insufficient attention to regional disparities and 'left behind' people and places
- a need for more successful and cost effective interventions.

The Report classifies each local authority area against an index comprising four measures of social mobility (promising prospects, conditions of childhood, labour market opportunities for young people, and innovation and growth). These map closely to the Turning the Tide programmes, and are all key priorities for Torbay. They also highlight the challenges identified in the Chief Medical Officer's Report 2021 as particular issues facing coastal communities in England [Chief Medical Officer's annual report 2021: health in coastal communities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/944447/Chief-Medical-Officer-Annual-Report-2021-Health-in-coastal-communities.pdf)

3.5 Updates on the Turning the Tide programme will be brought to future meetings.

5. Financial Opportunities and Implications

- 5.1 None specific to this report although the programme takes account of the economic challenges faced by communities in Torbay.

6. Engagement and Consultation

- 6.1 None.

7. Tackling Climate Change

- 7.1 Improving energy efficiency is one of the objectives of the programme.

8. Associated Risks

- 8.1 Risks relating to this programme are held on the Council risk register and reported monthly.

9. Equality Impacts - Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups

	Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact
Older or younger people	Y		
People with caring Responsibilities	Y		
People with a disability	Y		
Women or men	Y		
People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) (Please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)	Y		
Religion or belief (including lack of belief)	Y		
People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual	Y		
People who are transgendered	Y		
People who are in a marriage or civil partnership	Y		

Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave	Y		
Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)	Y		
Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)	Y		

10. Cumulative Council Impact

10.1 None.

11. Cumulative Community Impacts

11.1 Impact is expected to be positive if programmes are delivered.

