

DRAFT Work Programme 2019/2020

Over the course of the year, further issues will be added to the Work Programme as they arise.



Topic	Scope	Initial Key Lines of Enquiry	Methodology
Climate Change Emergency	<p>As requested by Cabinet:</p> <p>To review and recommend what further corporate approaches can be taken through Torbay Council's Energy and Climate Change Strategy; and</p> <p>To facilitate stronger Torbay-wide action through collaboration at a strategic, community and individual level.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What progress has been made against the Council's Energy and Climate Change Strategy? 2. Does the Strategy reflect the current position of Torbay Council, in particular the Cabinet's target to make Torbay carbon neutral by 2030? 3. What good practice is taking place in other authorities to address the Climate Change Emergency? 4. What good practice is taking place in communities in Torbay which could be replicated across the area? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and Scrutiny Board (July) • Call for evidence (Community, Trade Associations, Businesses) • Overview and Scrutiny Board (November) • Potential Task-and-Finish Group • Report back to Council by end of 2019
Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue – Safer Together Consultation	To consider the proposals of Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the rationale behind the proposals from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority? 2. What is the likely impact on residents and businesses in Torbay? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for evidence (Community, Trade Associations, Businesses, NHS Trust, Unions) • Overview and Scrutiny Board – Extraordinary

			Meeting (July/August)
Turning the Tide on Poverty	<p>As requested by Cabinet:</p> <p>To identify the necessary work to be done to support residents and protect them from falling into poverty;</p> <p>To identify the immediate support required for those residents who may be in poverty; and</p> <p>To identify the support required for residents to stay out of poverty.</p> <p>The Cabinet has requested a report back within 4-6 months.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the current pieces of work underway within the Council to address the issues and impacts of poverty in Torbay? 2. What actions are contained within the Council's current policies which seek to address poverty? 3. What are inter-relationships between poverty and our high cost/high demand services? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and Scrutiny Board (September) • Potential Task-and-Finish Group • Report back to Cabinet by December 2019
Children's Services	<p>To understand the reasons behind the levels of demand and complexity of cases within Children's Services.</p> <p>To ensure that best practice from authorities with similar challenges but improving Children's Services are reflected in Torbay.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the current Children and Young People's Plan reflect the emerging priorities of the Council? 2. How much progress is being made against the Children's and Young People's Plan and the Children's Services Improvement Plan? 	Overview and Scrutiny Board (October)
Health and Social Care Quality and Local Accounts	To review the Local Account and Quality Accounts of social care and health providers and agree a commentary for inclusion in each.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Local/Quality Account reflect the findings of the Board in relation to adult social care and health services in Torbay over the course of the year? 	Overview and Scrutiny Board – July (Local Account) and

			March/April (Quality Accounts)
Health Services in Torbay	<p>To keep under review the development of the Long Term Plan for the NHS in Devon;</p> <p>To review emerging changes in policy and services as they impact on the population of Torbay.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy reflect the emerging priorities of the Council? 2. Does the Long Term Plan ensure that mental health has parity of esteem with physical health? 3. Does the Emerging Devon Long Term Plan reflect Torbay's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy? 4. What progress has been made towards the Health and Wellbeing Hubs across Torbay? 5. Are the pathways between in-patient care, intermediate care and social care working as effectively as they can? 	<p>Informal briefing on the current position (September)</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Board</p> <p>Shared meetings with Devon County Council and Plymouth City Council health scrutiny members/committee as appropriate.</p>
Land Release Fund	To review the current position in relation to the Land Release Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What progress is being made with the Land Release Fund? 2. How does the work fit within current policy context of the Council, in particular the Neighbourhood Plans? 	Overview and Scrutiny Board - September
Public Health Priorities	To consider how the priorities for Public Health spending (in particular in relation to its non-prescribed functions) can positively impact on Children's and Adults Services, and the wider community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How is the non-prescribed Public Health budget currently allocated and what outcomes are achieved as a result? 2. What levels of flexibility does the Council have around the allocation of this budget? 3. Can the Council's services to vulnerable children and adults be improved through a re-alignment of priorities/budgets in relation to Public Health? 	
Unauthorised Encampments	To understand the Council's approach to unauthorised encampments.		
Public Space Protection Orders	To consider whether the use of Public Space Protection Orders	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When can PSPOs be used and what is currently in place in Torbay? 	

	(PSPOs) could have a positive impact for the community of Torbay.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. What are the concerns of the community in relation to public spaces and could these be effectively addressed through the use of PSPOs? 3. What are the benefits and costs associated with PSPOs? 	
Future Approach to Torbay's Natural Environment	To make recommendations on the Council's future approach to protecting the natural environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the issues which need to be addressed in relation to Torbay's natural environment? 2. What are the community's priorities in relation to the natural environment? 3. How can the Council work with its partners and the communities to protect the natural environment? 	