

Torbay Strategic Partnership

UPDATE

September 2009



At the September TSP meeting, colleagues received updates on a number of crucial national and local policies which will help shape quality of life for older people in the Bay,

Shaping the future of care together

This green paper focuses on the future funding of adult social care led by the Department of Health, and calls for a radical rethink of the approach to funding adult social care and how agencies in partnership with communities deliver a much more preventive and personalised approach. It promotes a nationally funded system which is fair and consistent wherever you live in the country, which is simpler to understand and affordable for everyone. The demographic change that has already taken place in Torbay is set to be replicated across the country over the next 40 years. The green paper calls for three key changes:

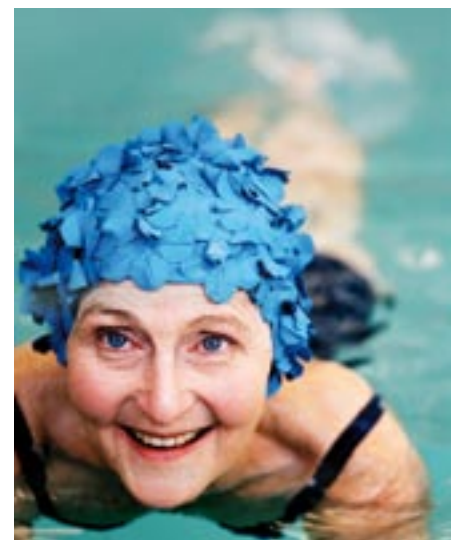
- More joined up working between Health, Social Care, Housing and disability benefits.
- A wider range of services in care and support to enable more choice, better quality and more personalised services with greater innovation by further collaboration with providers from public, private and third sectors.
- Better quality and innovation.

Building a society for all ages

This is the Governments' strategy for a 'Society of all ages'. It sets out a programme of action to support the changes for individuals, for families, for the workplace and economy and for public services and communities

The strategy has the following theme areas:

- **Having the later life you want** - which focuses on the need for people have access to better information for later life such as access to activities, financial planning and access to services, with a key focus on more participation of people 50+ in how this is delivered.
- **Older People at the heart of families** - with the publication of a further green paper on families and relationships in the autumn, there will be a focus on better support to families to care for members living longer and the increasing role of grandparents looking after grandchildren.
- **Engaging with work and the economy** - focuses on people being active for longer and potentially wanting to work for longer and the benefits to business of older people's commitment and experience. With this in mind, the review of the default retirement age is being brought forward and is likely to rise to 70.
- **Improving financial support** - is largely reliant on national reforms of pensions and welfare, although tackling pensioner poverty should be key to emerging local plans.



- **Better public services for later life** - new **health prevention package promised** for later this year; the **Care and Support Green Paper** mentioned above; Government will develop a **Good Place to Grow Old** Programme with a national agreement to promote the importance of ageing issues at a local level; and at a national level the new **UK Advisory Forum on Ageing** will be responsible for providing advice to ministers across Government.

People First - Torbay's Older Persons Strategy - Update

Torbay has developed a clear framework in People First and is focussing on gaining greater involvement of older people in effecting the necessary cultural shift and will be providing key focus for 2010.

The Older Persons Partnership Board was re formed and is currently chaired by the Director of Age Concern with representatives from each of the quality of life themes. Representation includes the Local Involvement Network (LINK) and the Torbay and Paignton U3A. The board has been dominated by agency representation and has spent some time examining its role in championing older people and challenging the way services are delivered to improve the quality of life of people 50+ in Torbay. The view of the board is that it needs to completely change the nature of its membership and has commissioned a mystery shopping exercise as described below to involve more older people in the work of the board.



The intention is to use a number of reviews and green paper on the funding of adult care as the key mechanism for further involvement and engagement of all ages in planning for an ageing population in Torbay.

The role of scrutiny in Commissioning Partnerships

Colleagues received a presentation from Kate Spencer, Overview and Scrutiny Manager and Cllr John Thomas, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator.

The presentation looked at the relationship between the TSP and Scrutiny function and how they will work together moving forward.

The Torbay Strategic Partnership is now a Commissioning Partnership. The ultimate benefits to be realised are:

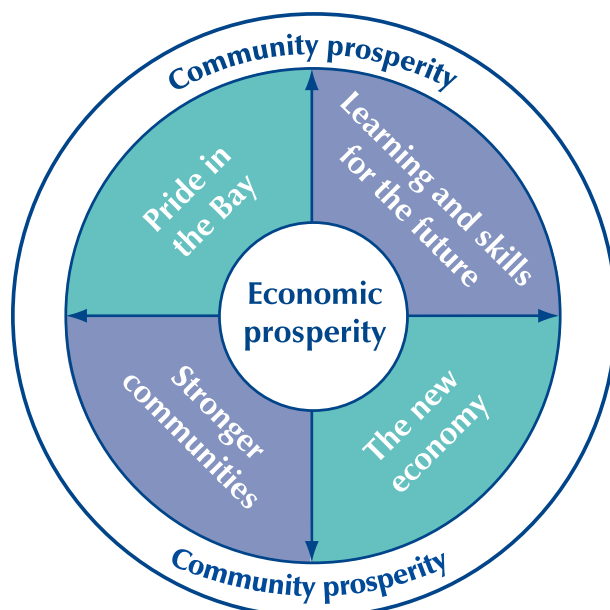
- more effective delivery of the Community Plan and Local Area Agreement
- improved value for money
- greater customer satisfaction
- greater community and economic prosperity



Four Strategic Commissioning Partnerships have been established reflecting each quadrant of the Community Plan wheel. These are accountable to the Torbay Strategic Partnership.

Each Strategic Commissioning Partnership will:

- produce and implement a Joint Commissioning Strategy (merging each partner's strategic intentions into one overall statement of strategic intent)
- ensure the production and implementation of Action Delivery Plans (translating strategy into operational commissioning plans)



Role of Overview and Scrutiny in the Performance Management Framework

- hold the Mayor, Cabinet Member and Strategic Commissioning Partnerships to account
- support and challenge the Strategic Commissioning Partnerships at each stage of the commissioning cycle
- ensure that performance management is embedded across the council

Mechanisms for Overview and Scrutiny to performance manage

- Overview and Scrutiny Board and Health Scrutiny Board
- review panels
- quarterly Support and Challenge Panels
- interrogation of SPAR.net (the council's performance management system) on an individual basis

Local Community Carbon Savings

At the TSP meeting in March colleagues considered a report on the Environmental Sustainability Improvement Plan. Following this report progress has been made in 3 key areas;

- mapping existing carbon emissions
- reviewing carbon achievements over the last year
- setting future targets for carbon reduction.



Progress in this area is key to the delivery of three national indicators;

1. NI 185 CO2 reductions from local authority operations
2. NI 186 per capita reduction in CO2 emissions. This indicator is included in Torbay's Local Area Agreement with targets for delivery to March 2011
3. NI 187 Tackling Fuel Poverty
4. NI 188 Adapting to Climate Change.

This work has been brought together in one document 'CO2 Reduction - Achievements and Future Actions', which is available to view on the TSP pages www.torbay.gov.uk/torbaystrategicpartnership

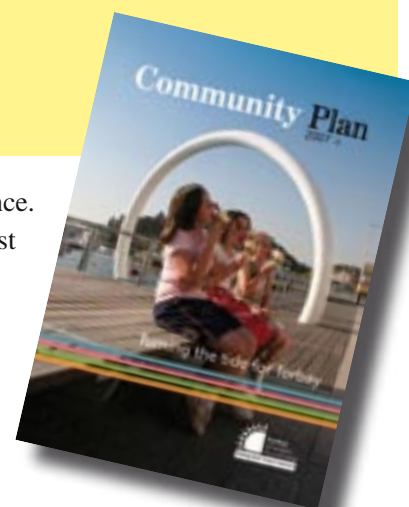
Local Area Agreement (LAA) review and Community Plan update

The Torbay Strategic Partnership Executive reviewed the first quarter of the year's performance. Many indicators within the LAA are reported annually e.g. examination results, so for the first quarter of the year only a limited number of indicators can be reported on.

The Executive identified areas of good practice where delivery of the LAA was achieving positive outcomes including;

- reductions in first time youth offending
- reduction in crime linked to the night time economy
- breast feeding at 6-8 weeks from birth. Torbay is now in the upper half of unitary authorities
- carers needs assessments, where Torbay is in the top quartile of unitary authorities.

The Executive identified seven stretch and two 2008/11 LAA indicators where issues need to be addressed. The full report is available on the TSP web pages, TSP/23/09.



Community Plan refreshment

Commissioning Partnerships will be reviewing the outcomes achieved through delivery of our stretch targets. They will consider whether these indicators are still a priority for Torbay and will make recommendations to the TSP at the February workshop event when the refreshment of the Community Plan is being considered.

Community Forum – Understanding our Communities

Developing a Joint Equality & Diversity Strategy for the Partnership

Colleagues met on the 21 September at Oldway Mansion. The meeting looked at an early copy of the draft strategy.

Work from the Forum will enable us to:

- work with partners in a joined up approach to tackle inequalities and community issues and provide/plan for outcomes for the people of Torbay
- develop a Joint Equality Strategy for Torbay with partners to work on high level joint actions to provide outcomes to the community
- use information from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Place Survey to inform the event and the Strategy
- ensure that the Joint Equality Strategy becomes an integral part of the Community Plan due to be refreshed in 2010
- involve our stakeholders and community members
- improve the equality and diversity focus for our work and for our partners and thus feed into inspection and government frameworks e.g. CAA, Use of Resources, the New Equality Framework for Local Government; and for us to be prepared for the new Equalities Bill;
- help us to refresh the Council's Corporate Equality and Diversity Policy.

Date for your diaries

The next TSP Stakeholder Community Forum will take place on Wednesday 28 October. The meeting will focus on the cross cutting issue of health and improving health inequalities in the morning then the important subject of improving perceptions of the Bay in the afternoon.

To inform the refresh of the Community Plan we will be inviting a series of external speakers to the Bay to give us their perspectives on the issues involved and we are delighted that Sir Ian Carruthers, Chief Executive of the South West Strategic Health Authority, has agreed to join us for October's Community Forum.

Formal Invitations will be sent shortly with further details we hope to see you there.

Date of next TSP meeting:
12 November 2009 - 3pm
Meadfoot Room, Town Hall Torquay.
