

# Torbay Strategic Partnership

## UPDATE

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## Torbay's Community Plan launched

Torbay's Community Plan 'Turning the tide' was launched by the partnership on 7 June at Beacon Quay.

The plan has been developed and prepared by the Torbay Strategic Partnership on behalf of all the residents of Torbay. It outlines the partnership's vision for Torbay over the next 20 years bringing together the views of residents as well as representatives from the business, community and voluntary sectors.

The plan aims to unlock Torbay's potential and drive forward its economic prosperity to ensure prosperous communities with a higher quality of life and improved access to jobs. The vision 'turning the tide', is directed by four key themes Pride in the Bay, Stronger Communities, Learning and Skills for the Future and, underpinning it all, the New Economy. Brought together the plan focuses on community prosperity for all the people of the Bay.



The launch was supported by community organisations, displays from the Beacon Wheelchair Dancers, Torbay Acting Factory, the South Devon College Pirates and The Torbay Stompers Jazz Band.

Torbay's Community Plan can be viewed at [www.torbay.gov.uk/communityplan](http://www.torbay.gov.uk/communityplan)

## Torbay Strategic Partnership Board

The board is chaired by Torbay Mayor Nick Bye who works with 14 board members nominated by the partnership or organisations that they represent to deliver Torbay's Community Plan 'Turning the tide' and our Local Area Agreement. The members are;

Nick Bye (Mayor) - Chair of TSP

Mr Simon Wilson - Torbay Development Agency Board- Vice Chair of TSP

Mr Alan Walker - Culture and Environment Board

Mr Peter Colclough - Torbay Care Trust

Cllr Derek Mills

Cllr Louisa Aiton - Equality & Diversity Lead

Cllr Christine Carter  
Ms Carole Schneider - Changeup Board VCS  
Vacancy - Community Partnership  
Chief Superintendent Barry Marsden - Devon and Cornwall Constabulary  
Mrs Margaret Dennison - Children's Partnership Board  
Mr Robin Causley - Older Person's Board  
Julian Tuck - Housing Partnership  
Colin Molton - South West Regional Development Agency

The boards met in June and July and focussed its activities on climate change, health inequalities and the delivery of the Local Area Agreement. Consultation is currently underway to establish the support requirements the board will need to deliver the Community Plan and LAA.

You can find out more about the partnership work on the council's website - [www.torbay.gov.uk](http://www.torbay.gov.uk) in the partnerships' section.

At July's meeting it was agreed that the TSP join the Devon Sustainable Energy Network (DSEN) who are preparing a sustainable energy strategy. The strategy identifies what needs to be done to save money in the community, which is currently wasted through poor energy efficiency and how the community can meet UK climate change targets. It was agreed that Councillor Chris Lewis, Cabinet Member for Transport and Planning would represent the TSP at the network meetings.

## September Community Forum

A Community Forum on the new economy will be taking place on 26 September from 2pm - 5pm at the Riviera International Centre, Torquay.

The purpose of the Community Forums as agreed by the partnership is to check progress on key aspects of the community plan, to ensure key considerations have been included in future plans and that there is a mandate from the group on the next stage of developments. For further information contact Caroline Taylor, Director, Torbay Council - telephone 01803 207116.

## A cleaner, safer, greener Bay - Community lengthsmen

As part of Torbay Council's measures aimed at raising cleansing standards, Torbay's team of lengthsmen have swung into action, equipped with van and an array of tools to help clean up the Bay. They will undertake a variety of work such as cleaning and minor repairs and inspecting and maintaining the new super-sized litter bins placed at beach and seafront locations and also dog bins.

Torbay's network of community partnerships will co-ordinate with local residents in each of the 12 partnerships and pass on requests for various works to the lengthsmen.

It is hoped to provide mobile telephones for the community co-ordinators in due course, but in the meantime people can contact 01803 208831 with information which will be passed on to the relevant co-ordinator.

**The next meeting of the partnership will be held on Thursday 20 September 3pm at the Town Hall, Torquay.**