

Torbay Strategic Partnership

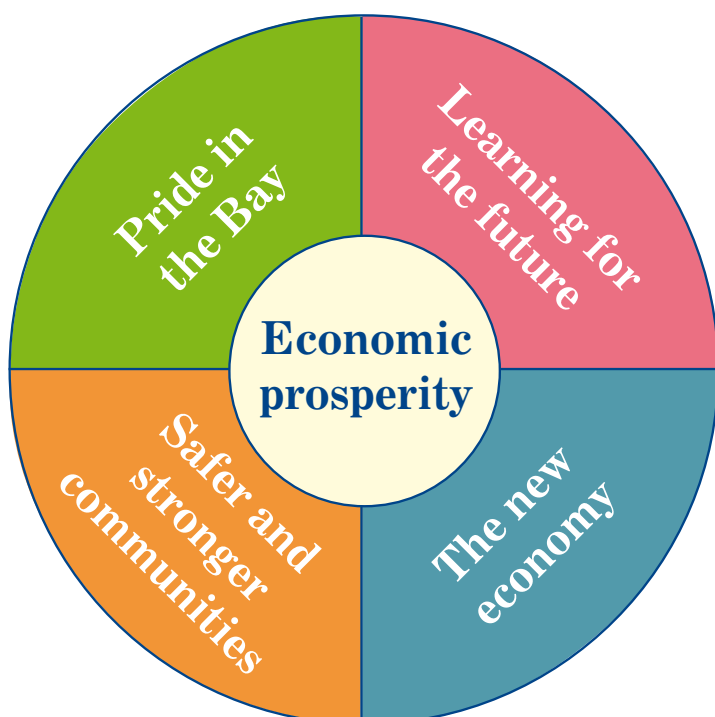
UPDATE



Lead by the Mayor, the Partnership through consultation, discussion and debate has set out the following ambition for Torbay.

Our ambition for Torbay

- A prosperous area known to be a great place to live, learn and grow up in.
- An area where we compete on a world stage in our traditional industries of tourism and fishing.
- An area where communities know and support each other and enjoy some of the best services in England.
- An area that widens opportunities and provides high quality employment and retains our young people in the Bay.
- An area that celebrates the differences in the three towns and builds on the strengths of these towns and brings back the feel good factor;
 - The glamorous café culture of Torquay
 - Fantastic family friendly Paignton
 - Romantic atmosphere in the working port of Brixham



We have identified four key themes in the wheel of economic prosperity that will make the biggest difference to the Bay. From these themes we have identified ten core ideas that we will focus on to deliver our ambitions for the Bay.

1. **On the move** - improved transport links to and within the Bay
2. **Business excellence** - better businesses, better jobs , better pay
3. **Maritime excellence** - building our reputation for water sports, encouraging related businesses and better facilities
4. **Excellent learning centres** - better education for all, better prospects
5. **Wonderful waterfronts** - improvement to our harbours and waterfronts
6. **Riviera Living** - regenerating our Bay
7. **Positive Torbay** - our residents achieve their aspirations
8. **A greener Bay** - using our energy efficiently
9. **Active Living** - a healthy and enjoyable lifestyle for all
10. **Premier parks** - maximising our green spaces

Information Update

What is a Local Area Agreement?

Local Area Agreements (LAAs) are an important part of the 10 year vision set out by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (now known as the department for Communities and Local Government) for the future of Local Government.

They are a new way for a local authority, in partnership with the LSP (Local Strategic Partnership) and central government, to agree national and local aims in an area and the targets by which progress will be measured.

The key aims of LAAs are to improve services delivered to local people and improve the way Government works with local authorities and their partners to deliver public services. Local priorities are different for each area and each local authority.

A key aim of LAAs is to give local authorities and their partners far more flexibility to agree their priorities, identify and meet their objectives and allocate funding.

Different pots of Government funding will be brought together to be used in a flexible way that addresses local needs and raises the standard of services.

The Community Plan is an important document in helping to determine what the needs and aims are - the official guidance describes the LAA as 'the practical expression of the community plan'.



A series of community plan consultation roadshows are planned from the 18-21 September to enable everyone to have their say:

Monday 18 September - Nr. Woolworths, Torquay
Tuesday 19 September - Fore Street, Brixham (as part of Torbay Connect)
Wednesday 20 September - Victoria Street, Paignton
Thursday 21 September - St. Marychurch, Torquay (Nr. the Dolphin Pub)

Consultations will focus on the 'wheel' and the Top Ten for Torbay and the roadshows will run from 10am - 4pm.

If you are unable to get to the public consultation meetings or the roadshows in person, a link to the online consultation survey is also available on the council's website please visit www.torbay.gov.uk

Comments from the consultation will be fed into the full Community Plan which will be presented to Council and, if agreed, published at the beginning of 2007.

Local Development Framework

The Local Development Framework (LDF) will shape the future of Torbay to 2016. It is being created by Torbay Council under the requirements of a new Planning Act. Planning, or 'spatial' planning and relates to all aspects of how people use land (rather than simply things which need planning permission). The LDF will eventually replace an existing document called the Torbay Local Plan, and will be the basis for making important decisions about the direction of growth and development in Torbay. It looks at issues such as the provision of new housing, jobs and community facilities. The framework will also aim to protect the environment.

