



2020 Vision

Strategic Plan 2020-2023

“Torrige a great place to live, work and visit”

What is our 2020 Vision?

Our Themes:

Our Priorities:

<p>Local Economy</p>	<p>Promote aspiration and growth to create a vibrant culture & thriving economy with quality jobs. Develop town centres and the rural offering; recognised as great places to live, visit and invest into. Create access to good quality jobs and employment. Support businesses and the local economy</p>
<p>Communities, Health and Housing</p>	<p>Increase the availability of quality homes that meet local needs. Reduce health inequalities while promoting active & healthy lifestyles. Maintain low levels of crime so people feel safe and secure in their communities.</p>
<p>Our Environment our Future</p>	<p>Reduce the eco-footprint of the district to meet the Council's carbon neutral target of 2030. Deliver clean, well maintained and managed streets, parks and open spaces. Provide high-quality planning and development services. Manage coastal and flood defences to meet the challenges of the changing climate. Reduce waste and increase recycling.</p>
<p>Our Council</p>	<p>Provide clear, effective communication and be easily accessible. Deliver quality services to business and residents; understand what matters to our customers. Become a more agile and commercial council; securing our financial future while supporting "local" whenever possible. Be a great place to work and build a career.</p>

Key Facts, Figures and Challenges:

<p>Large rural area - 984 sq. km (380 sq. miles)</p>	<p>Ageing Population - 27.2% aged 65 and over</p>	<p>Low wage economy - sixth lowest weekly gross pay in the UK</p>	<p>Increased Financial Pressures - reduced Gov Grant - increased demand</p>
<p>68, 143 (mid 2018) population</p>	<p>Torrige retains 8.5% of the Council Tax for local services</p>	<p>36 Councillors 23 Wards</p>	<p>To increase the number of affordable homes in Torrige</p>

Theme	Priority	Actions by us and in partnership
<p>Local Economy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote aspiration and growth to create a vibrant culture & thriving economy with quality jobs. • Develop town centres and the rural offering; recognised as great places to live, visit and invest into. • Create access to good quality jobs and employment. • Support businesses and the local economy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a long term vision for the future of Northern Devon with all relevant partners • Promote the District to attract inward investment • Produce a Northern Devon Economic Strategy maximising opportunities through the LEP • Deliver the Northam Burrows Visitor Centre as a quality workspace, visitor, tourism and education destination • Lobby and strive for improved digital connectivity • Progress and accelerate where possible opportunities for economic regeneration in Great Torrington, Bideford & Holsworthy • Encourage business and enterprise through investment and business support
<p>Communities, Health and Housing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the availability of quality homes that meet local needs. • Reduce health inequalities while promoting active & healthy lifestyles. • Maintain low levels of crime so people feel safe and secure in their communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement a Housing Delivery Strategy that provides creative solutions to meet the housing need of the district • Investigate the feasibility of becoming a direct housing provider • Deliver the Homelessness Strategy 2020-25, increase hostel capacity and utilise our existing land for homeless accommodation • Implementation of a new Council Tax Support scheme • Embed the principles and processes for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults within the culture of the organisation. • Adopt the Devon Joint Health and Wellbeing strategy and deliver the action plan. Work with DCC to expand cycleways and the footpath network within the District. • Work with partner agencies to prevent, detect and reduce antisocial behaviour within our communities
<p>Our Environment our future</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the eco-footprint of the district to meet the Council's carbon neutral target of 2030. • Deliver clean, well maintained and managed streets, parks and open spaces. • Provide high-quality planning and development services. • Manage coastal and flood defences to meet the challenges of the changing climate. • Reduce waste and increase recycling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocate all Waste and Recycling resources to one new modern Environmental Centre • Adopt, implement, monitor and report against a revised carbon plan for TDC ensuring that climate change and biodiversity is at the heart of our governance and processes. • Seek carbon reduction and energy efficiency across the existing Council asset base. • Adopt a Play Strategy and deliver the action plan • Review the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan to ensure that it remains relevant for good development that unlocks investment and opportunity, protects our important natural assets and helps to create strong and resilient communities • Be responsive to erosion risks and work in partnership for the protection of our coastal assets and communities. • Lobby for funding for the delivery of Linear Defences for Westward Ho! and Landfill Site.
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