

TOTNES TOWN COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2023-27

REF NO.	PROJECT	DEPENDENCIES	COMMUNITY CONSULTATION CROSS REFERENCE	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN OBJECTIVE
LOCAL ECONOMY (EC) OFFICER LINK – KAYLEIGH O'BRIEN/ CATHERINE MARLTON			CC1, CC7, CC18, two comments referencing economy	D, E, F, G, H
EC01	Collaborate with SHDC to develop a realistic and funded, sustainable economic plan for Totnes.	EC04	No specific request. Comment about how to re-stimulate the economy and in the evenings.	
EC01.1	Meetings - Regular meetings with SHDC, TTC and business representatives to oversee the Community Economic Plan's (CEP) progression.			
EC01.2	Survey – Analysis of the CEP survey findings to move forward to the next stage of the CEP process and the setting up of projects.			
EC01.3	Projects – SHDC and TTC to engage with business representatives and community groups to prioritise projects and identify the tasks to take forward for delivery.			
EC01.4	Youth Engagement – Work with KEVICC in developing a survey aimed at 16-25 year olds.			
EC02	Carry out a SWOT analysis with businesses to identify issues and opportunities for Totnes.	None	Comment that 'economy needs addressing - Totnes not small business friendly, lack of office space'.	D, E, F, H
EC02.1	With the Joint Local Plan Review commencing autumn 2025: work with SHDC about housing allocation numbers and employment land; and lobby for the adoption of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).			
EC02.2	Identify employment land in Totnes and neighbouring parishes that is designated in the JLP/ NP and other employment land not currently designated.			
EC02.3	Consider a review of the Totnes Neighbourhood Plan and the use of an external consultant planner to undertake the task.			

EC03	Lobby SHDC to Improve the civic square and other Civic and open spaces they are responsible for in the town, or to transfer more assets to the Town council to ensure they are protected for the future.	None	CC1, 4 comments on condition of Civic Square.	
EC03.1	Lobby through South Hams Councillors to arrange a meeting with responsible officers.			
EC03.2	Identify options for redevelopment and indicative costs and funding.			
EC04	Promote and support local food producing businesses and networks in and around Totnes and promote Totnes as a healthy and sustainable food destination.	EC01	CC18 in part	G
EC04.1	Explore if this project could be an outcome of project 1			
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LOCAL ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC REALM (EPR) LINK OFFICER: SARA HALLIDAY			CC1, CC3, CC5, CCTP8, CCTP14	
EPR01	Develop a vision and improvement strategy for open green and blue spaces using the findings of the Totnes TC Open space, sport, recreation and wellbeing (OSSRW) review to identify shortfalls in provision or access.	None	CC1, CC3	K
EPR01.1	Identify shortfalls in access and provision			
EPR01.2	Identify and engage with key stakeholders in Totnes and neighbouring parishes. (parish councils, DHT, Sharpham, SHDC, SUSTRANS etc)			
EPR01.3	Develop an open space, green space and blue space action plan as an outcome of the OSSRW and to pursue the expansion of the National Landscape area.			
EPR01.4	Support community groups that contribute to achieving the strategy including initiatives to safeguard the River Dart as a major asset.			

EPR01. 5	Public Realm – to support placemaking improvements in relation to Vire Island and Borough Park.			
EPR01. 6	Biodiversity – consider the longer term plan for the wild areas in the Cemetery and Castle Meadow, including drainage options in the latter.			
EPR02	Secure and celebrate heritage assets in Totnes	None	CC5, CCTP 14	A
EPR02. 1	Work with SHDC and engage with community groups in a review of the SHDC Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.			
EPR02. 2	Convene a forum for heritage groups in Totnes to explore the appetite for collaboration.			
EPR03	Safer, cleaner Totnes	None	CC1, CCTP8	I, J?
EPR03. 1	Support the Police in the provision of measures such as CCTV to manage ASB such as graffiti, arson, underage drinking, drug taking, etc.			-
EPR03. 2	Create a simple process for recording issues and tracking outcomes.			
EPR03. 3	Create an action plan with DCP for community safety and crime prevention in Totnes including regular meetings with local police officers.			A
EPR03. 4	Collaborate with DCP to explore the feasibility and effectiveness of installing CCTV and ANPR in town and developing crime prevention networks throughout Totnes, Bridgetown and neighbouring parishes.			I, J?
EPR04	Continue to build on the Council's Climate and Ecological Emergency declaration made in December 2018		CC1, CC10	I
EPR04. 1	Ensure climate considerations are mainstreamed into all Council decision making with reference to the Climate Emergency Action Plan			
EPR04. 2	Support community groups that contribute to achieving the strategy, for example The Climate Hub and Transition Town Totnes.			

EPR04.3	To support the creation of an environmental charter for Totnes.			
EPR05	Support a sustainable approach to traffic management throughout Totnes including links to surrounding towns and parishes.		CC10	J
EPR05.1	Support community groups that contribute to achieving the strategy, for example the Totnes and District Traffic and Transport Forum.			
EPR05.2	Identify projects in the Traffic and Transport Policy that can be taken forward and delivered.			
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LOCAL COMMUNITY (C) LINK OFFICER: CATHERINE MARLTON			CC2, CCTP9, CCTP13	
C01	Carry out a mapping exercise in collaboration with community groups, to identify the current provision of services, activities and community groups in Totnes, with the aim of identifying opportunities for collaboration or support as well as areas of under or over provision.	None	CC2	
C01.1	Commission a community mapping exercise		CC2	C, L