

EXECUTIVE

7 APRIL 2026

Present:

Councillors Hook, Keeling (Chair), Nuttall, Nutley, Palethorpe (Vice-Chair), Parrott, G Taylor and Sanders.

Apologies:

Councillors Buscombe

Officers in Attendance:

Neil Blaney, Director of Place

Charlie Fisher, Democratic Services Manager and Monitoring Officer

Michelle Luscombe, Head of Strategy and Partnerships

Christopher Morgan, Assistant Democratic Services Officer

Richard Rainbow, Climate, Coastal and Drainage Manager

Phil Shears, Managing Director

Graeme Smith, Coastal Officer

Ellie Willcocks, Director of Corporate Services

At the start of the meeting, Councillor Keeling led the Executive and Officers attending in a moment of silence to remember Councillor Mike James, who had recently passed away.

19. MINUTES

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Palethorpe and **SECONDED** by Councillor Nutley and

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the previous meeting on Tuesday 10th March 2026 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)

Councillor Gary Taylor spoke in memory of Councillor Mike James, recalling that Councillor James served as a Dawlish Town Councillor and Torbay Councillor. Councillor James was a former Chair of the Housing Association and had co-founded a charity for children with special needs. He previously played football for Cardiff City Football Club and coached football locally. In his retirement, Councillor James was an active member of his community and volunteered with the NHS.

Councillor Gary Taylor spoke announced that the Teignbridge Local Plan 2020-2040 was found to be “sound and legally complaint subject to a small number of modifications” by the Planning Inspectorate. The outcome is significant for the Council to deliver sustainable and well-designed places. Those modifications,

set out alongside the Inspectors' final report, are largely clarifications and do not change the Plan's overall strategy, policies or development site locations. Councillor Taylor gave the Executive an overview of the Local Plan and the report of the Planning Inspectorate, highlighting that the Local Plan is due to come to Full Council for formal adoption on 19th May 2025.

Councillor Keeling welcomed Councillor Suzanne Sanders to the Executive and thanked the service of Councillor Peter Williams for his service in the Executive.

Councillor Keeling set out the new Executive and their Executive Remits:

- Councillor Richard Keeling: Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Corporate Strategy, Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution, Strategic Partnerships and Governance.
- Councillor Jackie Hook: Executive Member for Environment, Climate and Sustainability.
- Councillor Gary Taylor: Executive Member for Planning and Building Control.
- Councillor John Parrott: Executive Member for Finance and Corporate.
- Councillor David Palethorpe: Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Economy, Estates and Major Projects.
- Councillor John Nutley: Executive Member for Leisure and Recreation.
- Councillor Charles Nuttall: Executive Member for Environmental Services.
- Councillor Richard Buscombe: Executive Member for Housing and Homelessness.
- Councillor Suzanne Sanders: Executive Member for Neighbourhoods.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)

None.

22. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN

The Executive Forward Plan was noted.

23. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

None.

24. CRISIS AND RESILIENCE FUND APPROACH

The Executive considered the report outlining the approach that the Council was seeking to take to implement the Crisis and Resilience Fund (CaRF). The report included an appendix setting out the Council's approach and an Equality Impact Assessment. Councillor Palethorpe introduced the item, outlined the purpose of the report and fund and conveyed his thanks to the Officers who had worked on the report.

Councillor Sanders spoke to this item regarding the current pressures on heating oil and fuel, and Councillor Palethorpe confirmed that the Council had received separate funding for residents in hardship to apply for as part of the Crisis and Resilience Fund.

Councillor Hook spoke to this item regarding food vouchers that were available under the previous schemes. Councillor Palethorpe stated that Officers are working with Devon County Council to ensure vouchers were available for the Easter School Holidays and these would continue in the new fund.

Councillor Keeling spoke in support of the item and thanked those who had been involved in the scheme.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Palethorpe and **SECONDED** by Councillor Keeling and

RESOLVED

That the Executive:

1. Implement the Teignbridge Crisis and Resilience Fund as soon as it is reasonably practicable to do so.
2. Approve the implementation approach set out in Appendix 1.
3. Delegate authority to the Head of Housing and the Housing Needs Lead, in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Homelessness, to create and develop the required crisis and resilience fund arrangements in accordance with the Government's guidance and to implement the scheme; and to prepare a CaRF Delivery Plan for submission to government as required in July 2026.
4. That a report on the initial period of implementation of the scheme is provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee within six months.

25. TEIGNMOUTH BEACH MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Executive considered a report to seek approve the Teignmouth Beach Management Plan. Councillor Hook introduced the item and the report. The Beach Management Plan was appended to the covering report, and Councillor Hook appraised the Executive of the key sections within the Plan.

Councillor Keeling spoke to this item in favour of the adoption of the Beach Management Plan.

In response to a question, the Coastal Officer clarified that the Beach Management Plan doesn't directly cover the recent incidence of a cliff fall at The Ness, Shaldon as cause of the cliff fall was not principally due to coastal erosion.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Hook and **SECONDED** by Councillor Keeling and

RESOLVED

That the Committee:

- 1) Adopt the Teignmouth Beach Management Plan; and
- 2) Work with the Environment Agency to progress the business case, national funding applications and design options to implement a range of measures to enhance coastal defence structures and management measures to mitigate coastal risks at Teignmouth and Shaldon, as set out in the Beach Management Plan.

26. FOR INFORMATION - INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Leader highlighted these were available online.

The meeting started at 10.01 am and finished at 10.29 am.

Councillor Richard Keeling
Chairman