



DECISION NOTICE

Committee:	Community & Resources
Date of Meeting	6 June, 2022
Date of Decision Notice	8 June, 2022

The following decisions made at the above Committee will come into force (unless marked as an Urgent Decision) on the expiry of five working days from the publication of this Notice if not called-in by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Unless the Overview & Scrutiny Committee decides to refer a called-in decision either back to the relevant Committee or to Council, the decision will come into force (a) on the expiry of the five working day deadline for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to meet to discuss the call-in or (b) on the date of the Overview & Scrutiny meeting if it is decided not to refer the decision further.

Community & Resources

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Leasehold disposal of part of the Sports Ground, Kingsley Rd, Bideford

Resolved:

That the proposal for the leasehold disposal of the small parcel of land at the Sports Ground, Kingsley Road as detailed in the report be approved, and the completion of the associated lease documentation be authorised.

Motion for the Ocean

Resolved:

That the Council pledges to:

1. Review within twelve months the actions and projects that have been undertaken to promote ocean recovery for the coast of Torridge District.
2. Consider ocean recovery in our strategic decisions, plans, budgets and approaches to decisions by the Council (particularly in planning, regeneration, skills and economic policy), aligning with climate change mitigation and adaptation requirements and considering ocean-based solutions in our journey towards a carbon neutral and climate resilient future.
3. Ensure that the Local Nature Recovery Strategy strives to support ocean recovery.
4. Work with partners locally to deliver increased sustainability in marine industries and develop a sustainable and equitable blue economy that delivers ocean recovery and local prosperity.
5. Communication through our social media of actions which are being taken to aid ocean recovery progress, signpost ocean literacy development opportunities, and marine citizenship pledges.
6. Write to the Government asking them to put the ocean into net recovery by 2030 by:
 - a) *Ensuring Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities and Natural England have the resources they need to effectively research and monitor our growing number of marine protected areas, and to set and enforce appropriate fishing levels that support local economies and deliver environmental sustainability.*

b) Ensuring coastal communities have a meaningful say in the development of marine policy to ensure it delivers equitable and sustainable outcomes.

c) Appoint a dedicated Minister for Coastal Communities.

d) And by listening to marine scientific advice, including marine social science, to update the Marine Policy Statement and produce a national Ocean Recovery Strategy which will:

i) Enable the recovery of marine ecosystems rather than managing degraded or altered habitats in their reduced state.

ii). Consider levelling up, marine conservation, energy, industrial growth, flood and coastal erosion risk management, climate adaptation and fisheries policy holistically rather than as competing interests.

iii). Develop a smarter approach to managing the health of the entire ocean that moves beyond Marine Protected Areas and enables links to be made across sectors towards sustainability.

iv). Establish improved processes for understanding the benefits of ocean recovery, leaving no doubt the links between this and human lives, livelihoods, and wellbeing.

v). Stop plastic pollution at source by strengthening the regulations around single-use plastics and set standards for microfibre-catching filters to ensure that all new domestic and commercial washing machines are fitted with a filter that captures a high percentage of microfibres produced in the wash cycle.