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STRATA - JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Dear Councillor

You are invited to a meeting of the above Committee which will take place on **Monday, 17th February, 2025** in the **Council Chamber, Forde House, Brunel Road, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4XX** at **3.00 pm**

Yours sincerely

Phil Shears
Managing Director

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| (1) The Members of the Strata - Joint Scrutiny Committee: | |
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Part I

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Strata Joint Scrutiny Meeting - 14 January 2025

Questions from Councillors

Question from Cllr Todd Olive

Late in 2024, Strata disabled the ability for Cllrs to view their council calendars in external applications (e.g. Google Calendar) alongside other calendars. Why was this done, what consultation and impact assessment was undertaken prior to doing so, and what alternative measures were considered? Are Strata exploring urgently how to restore this critical functionality, and if not why not?

Response from Chair of the Strata Joint Scrutiny Committee

Whilst on face value the issue seems a simple one, Calendars are used extensively to attach documents as routine in EDDC. This is further exacerbated by any sender of a meeting and attached documents having no vision or control of who that calendar is shared with or what device it is viewed on. This applies for all historic meetings contained within calendars. Strata restricted access based on recommendations from NCSC (National Cyber Security Centre) as part of the Microsoft E5 security tools roll out contained within business plan 2024/25.

We have committed to raise with the Partnership Architecture Governance Board for direction on how the councils would like to proceed and are also exploring what if any technical restrictions can be put in place.

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