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## FULL COUNCIL

To all Members of Teignbridge District Council

A meeting of the **Full Council** will be held on **Thursday, 15th January, 2026** in the **Council Chamber, Forde House, Brunel Road, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4XX** at **11.00 am**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. M. Shears".

Phil Shears  
Managing Director

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## A G E N D A

### Part I

6. **Councillor Questions (if any)**

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Members of the Council may ask questions of the Council subject to procedural rules.

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## **Full Council 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

### **Questions from Members of the Council**

The total time allowed/allotted for Member questions and answers is 30 minutes. Questions are presented in the order that they were received by Democratic Services.

Where a Member seeks to ask more than one question, any second and subsequent questions will be permitted subject to the principle of one question per member and time constraints. Where time allows, any such additional questions will be presented in the order they were received and in rotation.

Each Member has no more than 1 minute to ask their supplementary question. After the allotted period of 30 minutes has elapsed, any member submitting a question that is not able to be heard, will be asked if they agree to the question being referred to the next meeting or dealt with in some other way namely a written response.

### **First Questions**

#### **Cllr Bullivant to the Leader of the Council**

What action does the Executive support when a councillor knowingly provides information to others not in this council that is factually incorrect and contrary to advice, information or legal guidance previously provided to councillors?

#### **Response from the Leader of the Council**

As I have indicated in the past, all Councillors should treat their fellow Councillors with respect and adhere to the 7 Nolan Principles of Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty, and Leadership.

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#### **Cllr J Taylor to the Leader of the Council**

Please can the Executive state their position on the following?

1. Issuing Planning enforcement letters and subsequent action to enforce breach of planning for the flying of non-exempt flags.
2. The unlawful placing of flags on public furniture
3. The removal of unlawful flags on public furniture.

#### **Response from the Leader of the Council**

Flags are a very British way of expressing joy and pride – they are emotive symbols which can boost local and national identities, strengthen community cohesion and mark civic pride.

The government has confirmed that it wants to see more flags flown, particularly the Union Flag, the flag of the United Kingdom the flag that belong to all of us. It is a symbol of national unity and pride. The government has recently issued guidance encouraging the flying of the Union Flag on all UK government buildings throughout the year, alongside other national and local flags.

We do not have any non-exempt flags flying on any of Teignbridge's properties. If you feel this is an issue in your area on Devon County public furniture please contact your local Devon County Councillor. This administration supports the stance taken by Devon County Council.