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6 January 2025

FULL COUNCIL

To all Members of Teignbridge District Council

A meeting of the **Full Council** will be held on **Tuesday, 14th January, 2025** in the **Council Chamber, Forde House, Brunel Road, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4XX** at **10.00 am**



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Managing Director

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A G E N D A

Part I

1. **Apologies for absence**

2. **Minutes** (Pages 7 - 14)

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 29 October 2024

3. **Announcements (if any)**

Announcements only from the Chair of Council, Leader, Members of the Executive or the Managing Director.

4. **Declarations of interest (if any)**

5. **Public Questions (if any)**

Members of the public may ask questions. A maximum period of 15 minutes will be allowed with a maximum period of three minutes per questioner.

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

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

7. **Adoption of One Teignbridge Council Strategy**

(Pages 15 - 50)

To consider the attached report

8. **Committee Seat Allocation**

Report to follow

9. **Amendments to the Constitution**

Recommendations from Committees to Full Council

10. **Recommendation from Executive - Working Age Council Tax reduction Scheme (WACTR)**

To consider the recommendation from the Executive 6 January as follows:

The Executive RECOMMENDS to Council to include the proposed changes to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and approve for the year 2025-26 scheme that the income bands are changed in line with the annual uprating to primary welfare benefits.

The link to the Executive agenda and report is:

[CTR Scheme - Executive 6 Jan 25 V3.pdf](#)

[Agenda for Executive on Monday, 6th January, 2025, 10.00 am - Teignbridge District Council](#)

11. **Recommendation from Executive - Business Rates and Council Tax Changes**

(Pages 51 - 108)

This item was deferred at the last Council meeting on 29 October 2024 to enable the Budget announcements on 30 October 2024 to be considered. In addition, to minimise the risk of challenge when applying the new proposals, the Council should have these clearly set out in a supporting policy which would not be drafted until the outcome of the Autumn Statement was announced.

The recommendation from Executive 7 October 2024 is below.

The Minute and report can be seen at the link [Agenda for Executive on Monday, 7th October, 2024, 10.00 am - Teignbridge District Council](#)

This was a recommendation from the Medium-Term Financial Plan task and finish

group, and subsequently the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 16 September 2024.

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that:-

1. *The Council Tax Policy is amended to remove the 100% Council Tax exemption (1 month period) for empty, unfurnished properties. This revokes a decision made by Full Council on 15 January 2013 and concerns only the Class C discount*
2. *The Discretionary Non-Domestic (Business) Rate Relief Policy is amended to reflect the following changes:*
 - a. *£1,500 Cap (no step or phasing) to be introduced across all discretionary relief regardless of organisation type*
 - b. *50% maximum award for 'Not for Profit' Organisations (£1,500 Cap would also still apply)*
 - c. *Maximum two years awards at any one time. After that organisations must re-apply and then depending on circumstances relief can be re-awarded on a one or two year basis if eligible*
 - d. *The policy will be strengthened to make it clear that Teignbridge District Council view Discretionary Rate Relief as a short-term assistance to allow the organisation to establish itself and achieve financial stability and are not minded to use discretionary rate relief as a financial top-up for organisations that are not otherwise financially viable.*

**12. Recommendation from Licensing and Regulatory Committee
- Gambling Act 2005 - Review of Statement of Principles**

To consider the recommendation from the Licensing and Regulatory Committee 28 November 2024 as below.

The agenda for the meeting and report for this item can be found at the following link [Agenda for Licensing and Regulatory Committee on Thursday, 28th November, 2024, 10.00 am - Teignbridge District Council](#)

The Minute and recommendation of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee 28 November 2024 is as follows:

“13. GAMBLING ACT 2005 - REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The Licensing Manager went through the draft Gambling Statement of Principles (previously circulated) and clarified that the Committee was being requested to recommend to Full Council for approval.

The Committee asked the Licensing Manager to clarify if the police had been

consulted as they were not included on the list of consultees within the report. The Licensing Manager confirmed that they had been.

Cllr Rollason asked if the Licensing Manager could amend paragraph 7.2 on page 8 as the wording 'such objections do not relate to the licensing objectives' appeared misleading and did not make sense, it was felt it should read 'such objections relate to the licensing objective'.

It was also noted that there was a minor spelling error on page 24 in section 5.2 where the word 'supervisor' should be 'supervised'.

The Licensing Manager further clarified points to the committee relating to the use of the word ancillary in relation to fairgrounds. The Licensing Manager also confirmed that historically the health authority hasn't been consulted but going forward they will be and their comments from other another authority's review have been taken into account.

In response to questions from members on the availability of training the Licensing Manager confirmed that whilst they can earmark training facilities and encourage training, they cannot force training to be undertaken. The Licensing Authority can point operators to the Gambling Commission as this is where the operators obtain their licences from. Therefore, they should be aware of their responsibilities before they obtain a premises licence.

The Licensing Manager also clarified for members that currently Teignbridge does not have a Local Area Profile as no issues have been raised. The Licensing Authority rarely receive new premises applications. If concerns were raised in the future, then the authority would certainly look to implement a local area profile as they would have the necessary information required to progress this.

It was proposed by Cllr Rollason and seconded by Cllr Dawson that the Statement of Policy be recommended to Full Council for approval with the following amendment: - point 7.2 on page 8 to read 'such objections relate to the licensing objective'. A vote was taken – the result was 5 in favour, 1 abstention and 0 against.

RESOLVED that the amended Gambling Statement of Principles be recommended to Full Council for approval."

Note At the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee, it was considered that a part of the draft statement of principles quoted did not make sense.

Accordingly, the statement was abridged when quoted. This led to the statement amounting to a misquote. Therefore, the original wording must be considered for approval and not the amended version.

Part II: Items suggested for discussion with the press and public excluded

NIL

13. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 - Exclusion of Press and Public

It is considered that the meeting would be unlikely to exclude the press and public during consideration of the items on this agenda, but if it should wish to do so, the

following resolution should be passed:-

RECOMMENDED that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the particular item(s) on the grounds that it involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

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