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FULL COUNCIL

To all Members of Teignbridge District Council

A meeting of the **Full Council** will be held on **Thursday, 23rd October, 2025** in the **Council Chamber, Forde House, Brunel Road, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4XX** at **10.00 am**



Phil Shears
Managing Director

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A G E N D A

Part I

1. **Apologies for absence**

2. **Minutes** (Pages 7 - 16)

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the previous Council meeting on 29th July 2025.

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 subject to procedural rules. A maximum period of 15 minutes will be allowed with a maximum period of three minutes per questioner.

6. **Petitions (if any)**

The Chair of the Council to receive any petitions submitted by Members of the Council or Members of the Public.

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

Members of the Council may ask questions of the Council subject to procedural rules. Members have no more than 1 minute to ask a supplementary question. The total time allowed/allotted for Member questions and answers is 30 minutes.

8. **Notices of Motion**

Members of the Council may submit Notices of Motion to the Council subject to procedural rules. The overall time limit for dealing with Notices of Motion is 60 minutes.

a) **Notice of Motion - Safeguarding Local Communities from Unconsulted Migrant Placements**

The following motion on Safeguarding Local Communities from Unconsulted Migrant Placements has been proposed by Cllr Steve Horner, seconded by Cllr Alex Hall and supported by the requisite number of Members within the procedural rules.

Background

Teignbridge cannot turn a blind eye to the growing national concern over the placement of individuals who have entered the UK illegally or through deception. Immigration policy may sit with central government, but the impact lands here—on our communities, our services, and our residents.

Recent cases across the country have raised serious questions about:

- Housing pressure and competition for essential services
- Safeguarding risks and community safety concerns
- Erosion of public trust due to secrecy and lack of consultation
- Criminal offences linked to placements made without local oversight

Our Council has a statutory duty to protect residents, uphold public safety, and ensure decisions affecting local resources are made openly and democratically.

While current numbers in Teignbridge are low, pressure for further placements is real—and will continue until national government tackles illegal migration effectively.

This motion calls for a clear stance:

- No secret deals. No silent placements. No compromise on safety.
- Full transparency, full consultation, and full accountability.

Motion

Teignbridge District Council resolves to:

1. Guarantee transparency: Publish all communications on migrant placements and put residents' welfare and housing needs first.
2. Demand safeguards: Refuse any placement where immigration status is unverified or safeguarding checks are incomplete.
3. Stand firm: Oppose and challenge any external placements made without prior consultation, using every legal and planning tool available.

b) Notice of Motion - Celebrating the Contribution of Overseas-Born and Asylum-Seeking Residents

The following motion on Celebrating the Contribution of Overseas Born and Asylum-Seeking Residents has been proposed by Cllr David Palethorpe, seconded by Cllr Jackie Hook and supported by the requisite number of Members within the procedural rules.

Council notes:

1. Teignbridge has a proud tradition of welcoming refugees into our community including most recently from Afghanistan, Syria and Ukraine, and these people have become our friends, our neighbours and our work colleagues
2. That Teignbridge and the wider South Devon region are enriched by the skills, compassion, and dedication of residents born outside the United Kingdom. Census 2021 data show that around 7 percent of Devon's population were born abroad, with one in every two adults in South Devon and Teignbridge having at least one parent or grandparent born outside England.
3. That overseas-born residents contribute to every aspect of life in our district and region, including:
 - Tourism and hospitality, which are essential to South Devon's economy, welcoming millions of visitors each year and employing thousands of staff, many of whom are overseas nationals bringing language skills, cultural understanding, and a warm welcome that define our visitor experience.
 - Health and social care, where the Torbay & South Devon NHS Foundation Trust employs 7,198 staff, of whom 10.4 percent identify as from a Black or Minority Ethnic background, and 5 percent were recruited from outside the UK. International doctors, nurses, carers, and allied health professionals are indispensable to the safe and effective running of our hospitals, care homes, and community services.

- Education, where 16.8 percent of teachers in England identify with an ethnic minority group, and Devon's schools depend upon international teachers in STEM, languages, and special education to ensure continuity of learning and broaden students' perspectives.
 - Public safety and national service, where over 8 percent of all Regular Armed Forces personnel are non-UK nationals, including more than 4,000 Gurkhas and thousands of Fijians and Commonwealth citizens serving our country with courage and distinction. Many settle and remain in South Devon after service, continuing to contribute to civic life and community safety.
4. That humanitarian arrivals under the Ukrainian and Afghan resettlement schemes number around 314,595 UK-wide (up to June 2025) (c.0.5 percent of the population), yet their presence locally has brought cultural richness, volunteerism, and new skills to Teignbridge's communities.
 5. That several local community and voluntary organisations, faith groups, and charities work tirelessly to support refugees, migrants, and those experiencing housing or financial insecurity, often with limited resources but immense dedication.

Council believes:

- That Teignbridge's strength lies in its diversity — in the compassion, creativity, and hard work of all who make this district their home.
- That every resident, regardless of birthplace or background, deserves dignity, respect, and opportunity.
- That the positive contribution of overseas-born residents should be recognised, celebrated, and woven into the story of Teignbridge's success.

Council therefore resolves to:

1. Commits to work with Government to ensure Teignbridge continues to play its part in welcoming those seeking asylum in our country.
2. Formally recognise and celebrate the contributions of all overseas-born residents to Teignbridge's economy, culture, and public life — especially in the tourism, health, safety, and education sectors.
3. Express its gratitude to overseas-born members of the Armed Forces, including the Gurkhas and Fijian personnel, for their service and sacrifice.
4. Acknowledge the essential role of international health and social care staff in sustaining our NHS and care services across South Devon.
5. Recognise the dedication of international teachers and education professionals who help nurture and inspire our young people.

6. Reaffirm the Council's commitment to equality, human dignity, and inclusion under the International Law, Equality Act 2010 and the Council's own Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy.
7. Stand in solidarity with local charities, voluntary groups, and community organisations that support refugees, asylum seekers, and other vulnerable individuals, and explore opportunities for partnership and recognition.
8. Reject discrimination in all forms, affirming Teignbridge as a district that is open, welcoming, and enriched by the diversity of its residents.

9. **One Teignbridge Council Strategy Action Plan** (Pages 17 - 62)

To adopt the One Teignbridge Council Strategy Action Plan 2025-2030.

10. **Scale of Election Fees and Costs** (Pages 63 - 78)

To seek Full Council agreement to the updated Scale of Costs and to delegate future changes to uplift fees in line with Government guidance and national pay agreements to the Section 151 Officer.

11. **Committee Seat Allocation** (Pages 79 - 86)

In accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, to seek approval of the seat allocations with effect from Thursday 23rd October 2025.

12. **Recommendation from the Appointments and Remuneration Committee - Appointment of Section 151 Officer**

At its meeting on 1st September 2025, the Appointments and Remuneration Committee recommended that Full Council that the Head of Financial Services and Audit is appointed as Section 151 Officer to cover the period from the retirement of the current post holder (Director of Corporate and Section 151 Officer) to the appointment of their successor.

The minutes for this meeting can be viewed: [Agenda for Appointments & Remuneration Committee on Monday, 1st September, 2025, Teignbridge District Council](#)

13. **Recommendation from the Executive - 2024/25 Draft Final Accounts and Treasury Management**

At its meeting on Tuesday 9th September (see minute 163), the Executive recommended that Full Council note the Draft Treasury Management Results for 2024/25.

The minutes and associated reports can be viewed: [Agenda for Executive on Tuesday, 9th September, 2025, Teignbridge District Council](#)

14. **Recommendation from the Licensing and Regulatory Committee - Statement of Licensing Policy**

At its meeting on 14th October 2025, the Licensing and Regulatory Committee

agreed to refer the Statement of Licensing Policy to Full Council for approval.

The minutes and associated reports can be found at: [Agenda for Licensing and Regulatory Committee on Tuesday, 14th October, 2025.](#)

15. Sherborne House Car Park Project, Newton Abbot - Approval (Pages 87 - 96) to Award Construction Contract

To seek Members' agreement to progress the Sherborne House car park affordable housing project into construction, and to request delegated authority to enter into a building contract provided that the financial condition is met.

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

Council is recommended to pass the following resolution:

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

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

17. Sherborne House Car Park Project, Newton Abbot - Approval (Pages 97 - 126) to Award Construction Contract

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