

Teignbridge District Council – Decisions taken by the Governance Committee on Thursday, 8 January 2026

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Part A – Items considered in public		
2	Minutes	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>
4	Dispensation - Members Allowances Scheme	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the Committee agree to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approve the granting of a general dispensation to all Teignbridge District Councillors to be able to take part in discussions and vote in items of business relating to the Members' Allowances Scheme. 2) That the dispensations are granted until the next District Council elections, or until such time as the District Council ceases to exist, whichever event comes first.
5	Recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP)	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the Committee recommend to Full Council that:</p> <p>1. Travel for those receiving a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA)</p> <p>Recommended</p> <p>The existing practice as set out in Section 8f of the Constitution – Members Allowance Scheme as below be confirmed:</p> <p>“The SRA is paid to recognise the additional commitment and time required to fulfil each role and covers subsistence and travel for attending meetings not listed in Appendix A.”</p>

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		<p>Outside the boundary of the District a separate travel claim can be made.</p> <p><u>Justification</u> - The Council should be consistent with the norm of other South West Councils as above</p> <p>2. SRA for the Chair of the new Governance Committee</p> <p>Recommended</p> <p>The SRA for the Chair of the Governance Committee continue and be set at the current SRA of £3,159.71.</p> <p><u>Justification</u> – This is a reasonable remuneration given comparison with and responsibility of other SRA positions.</p> <p>3. Annual review of expenditure and benchmarking</p> <p>Recommended</p> <p>There be no increase in the Council's Basic Allowance other than the annual increase in line with Local Authority employee pay increase.</p> <p><u>Justification</u> - The Basic Allowance for Teignbridge is acceptable given comparisons with other SW Districts. Benchmarking evidence 7 of the 14 SW Districts have a BA less than the Council and 6 greater</p>