

15 April 2026

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the **Governance Committee** will be held on **Thursday, 23rd April, 2026** in the **Council Chamber, Forde House, Brunel Road, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4XX** at **10.00 am**

PHIL SHEARS
Managing Director

Membership:

Councillors Bullivant (Chair), Henderson (Vice-Chair), Nutley, Clarence, Palethorpe and Nuttall

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A G E N D A

Part I

Governance Committee Terms of Reference

The Committee's Terms of Reference is attached to the agenda pack for reference.

Public participation and attending meetings

Information pertaining to public participation rules and attending Council and Committee meetings can be found on the following webpage: [Public participation and attending meetings - Teignbridge District Council](#)

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes

(Pages 5 - 10)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th January 2026.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

Information pertaining to the Members' Code of Conduct and guidance relating to declaring interests can be found on the following webpage:

<https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/district-councillors/councillor-conduct/>

4. **Code of Conduct Complaints Update** (Pages 11 - 14)

To update Councillors on the Councillor Code of Conduct complaints received.

5. **Member Training Log** (Pages 15 - 18)

To review the Member Training and Briefing log from January – March 2026.

6. **Governance Committee Annual Report 2025/26** (Pages 19 - 24)

To approve the Governance Committee Annual Report and recommend its adoption at Full Council.

7. **Constitution Review Working Group Update** (Pages 25 - 32)

For information, to update Members on the work of the Constitution Review Working Group. The notes of the meetings on 12th January 2026 and 26th March 2026 are attached.

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

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.

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

9. **Governance Committee Determination of Code of Conduct Complaints**

a) FS-CASE-718913067 (Pages 33 - 62)

Report of the Independent Investigator - Governance Committee determination of Code of Conduct Complaint (FS-CASE-718913067).

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