

22 June 2026

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the **Governance Committee** will be held on **Tuesday, 30th June, 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 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 7 - 10)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 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: [Teignbridge District Council – Councillor Conduct](#)

4. **Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Letter 2025/26** (Pages 11 - 16)

To review the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Letter 2025/2026 to Teignbridge District Council.

5. **Review of the Code of Conduct Complaints Process** (Pages 17 - 48)

To provide Members with an opportunity to review the Code of Conduct complaints process and arrangements for dealing with standards complaints guidance.

6. **Code of Conduct Complaints Update** (Pages 49 - 54)

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

7. **Annual Review of the Member Development Strategy** (Pages 55 - 64)

To review the Member Development Strategy.

8. **Member Training Log** (Pages 65 - 68)

To review the Member Training and Briefing log from April – June 2026.

9. **Referral from Full Council - Adoption of the Local Government Association's Debate Not Hate Campaign** (Pages 69 - 72)

As recommended by Annual Council on Tuesday 19th May 2026:

The Monitoring Officer report to the Governance Committee on the adoption by the Council of the Local Government Association's Debate Not Hate campaign and in particular the Ending Abuse in Public Life Council Self-Assessment toolkit as a means of creating a culture of safety and respect for members within and without the Council Chamber.

10. **Referral from Full Council: Member-Officer Protocol** (Pages 73 - 78)

As recommended by Annual Council on Tuesday 19th May 2026:

The Monitoring Officer and Head of Paid Service report jointly to the Governance Committee on a revised member – officer protocol to include clear guidance on:

- *Members' rights to accessing Council information;*
- *Member visits to officer working areas*

Noting that Annual Council on Tuesday 19th May 2026 agreed a revised Member Officer Protocol at the meeting (Agenda Item 7c - [Agenda for Full Council on Tuesday, 19th May 2026](#)).

11. **Constitution Review Working Group update** (Pages 79 - 84)
For information, to update Members on the work of the Constitution Review Working Group. The Working Group's final meeting was on 30th April 2026.

12. **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

13. **Governance Committee Determination of Code of Conduct Complaint** (Pages 85 - 178)
Report of the Independent Investigator and Governance Committee determination of Code of Conduct Complaint (FS-CASE-694000403).

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