

**Teignbridge District Council  
Full Council  
20 May 2025**

**Team Devon Joint Committee**

**Purpose of Report**

To seek approval for the Constitution of the Team Devon Joint Committee.

**Recommendation**

That Full Council approve;

1. the Council enter into and accept the Constitution of the Team Devon Joint Committee attached to this report as Appendix 1.
2. that the Leader of the Council be appointed as the Council's representative on the Team Devon Joint Committee;
3. that the Deputy Leader of the Council be appointed as the substitute for the Leader on the Team Devon Joint Committee when the Leader is unavailable;

**Financial Implications**

There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

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**Legal Implications**

With the implementation of the Team Devon Joint Committee it is the responsibility of Full Council to approve the Joint Committee's Constitution and the Members that represent Teignbridge District Council within that structure.

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**Risk Assessment**

Not Applicable

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## **Environmental / Climate Change Implications**

Not Applicable

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### **Executive Member**

Councillor Richard Keeling – Leader of the Council

#### **1. Background.**

- 1.1 Team Devon has operated since 2018 as an informal meeting of Leaders and Chief Executives of local authorities across Devon. Since the pandemic, its work has covered areas such as the housing crisis, accommodation for children in care, homelessness, financial vulnerability and hardship, water pollution, and the Devon & Torbay devolution deal. The intention is to formalise this relationship.
- 1.2 Team Devon has also been the key area for discussion on, and particularly District Council input into, the Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority and indeed this forms a formal part of the proposed Joint Committee.
- 1.3 On 5th December 2024 Devon County Council approved entering into the Team Devon Joint Committee and delegated powers to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to make minor amendments to the constitution.
- 1.4 Monitoring Officers from across the District Councils sought to amend some of the provisions of the proposed constitution to improve the wording on the functions that the Joint Committee would hold and how the Joint Committee would operate and these were subsequently agreed resulting in the enclosed final version at Appendix 1.
- 1.5 is proposed that the Team Devon Joint Committee will comprise the Leader of each of the nine local authorities (i.e. the County Council and eight district, city and borough councils) and a member of the Dartmoor and Exmoor National Park Authorities. The Chair of the Devon Association of Local Councils would be an associate member along with representatives of the NHS and police.
- 1.6 The Joint Committee will operate on the basis of one member, one vote. Scrutiny will be undertaken by each of the constituent authorities' own scrutiny arrangements.
- 1.7 The proposed functions of the Team Devon Joint Committee are to:

- 1.7.1 Support continuous improvement and value for money in the ways that Devon's National Park Authorities, parish, town, district and county councils exercise their duties and responsibilities through, for example, aligning performance measures and sharing or integrating services.
- 1.7.2 Contribute strategically to the following environmental, economic and social wellbeing objectives for Devon's people and communities:
- (a) Economic development (incorporating green growth)
  - (b) Housing and homelessness
  - (c) Transport infrastructure
  - (d) Climate change
  - (e) Natural and cultural heritage
  - (f) Health and wellbeing inequalities
  - (g) Migration and asylum
- 1.7.3 Advise, inform and support the work of the Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority.
- 1.8 No decision could be taken by the Team Devon Joint Committee which relates to any matter that is the sole preserve of a specific member body unless that body indicates its agreement with the proposal. In addition, no decision could be taken that is to the financial detriment of any member body unless that body indicates its agreement to the proposal.
- 1.9 The Joint Committee would meet in public at least quarterly and it is envisaged that Committee Members will meet informally between meetings as necessary, and the Committee will be supported by the group of chief executives/officers.
- 1.10 The Joint Committee would be able to set up advisory groups as required to enable it to execute its responsibilities effectively and delegate tasks as it sees fit to those bodies, which may be formed of officers, Joint Committee members or such third parties as the Joint Committee considers appropriate.

## **APPENDICES Attached**

### **Appendix 1 – Team Devon Joint Committee Constitution.**