

**Teignbridge District Council
Governance Committee
Thursday 2nd October 2025
Part i**

Publication of Information relating to the Governance Committee

Purpose of Report

To consider the publication of information relating to the Governance Committee, Code of Conduct Complaints and webcasting of meetings.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to:

- 1) Approve the publication of an Annual Report of the Governance Committee which will be reported to the Annual Full Council Meeting.
- 2) Approve a regular update of information about Code of Conduct Complaints is reported at Governance Committee meetings and that the Democratic Services Manager in consultation with the Chair of the Committee agree the format of this.
- 3) Consider webcasting (livestreaming) of Governance Committee meetings.

Financial Implications

No direct financial implications arise from this report.

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Legal Implications

The Localism Act 2011 requires the Council to adopt a Code of Conduct which the Council complies with. Arrangements for the operation of the Code of Conduct are the responsibility of the Council. Meetings of the Council are open to Members of the public to attend in person. There is no requirement to livestream/webcast Committee meetings, although the practice is widespread and considered good practice to promote transparency and access to democratic processes.

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Risk Assessment

No direct risk implications arise from this report.

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Environmental/ Climate Change Implications

No direct environmental or climate change implications arise from this report.
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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Publication of Information benchmarking with other Local Authorities

1. Introduction/Background

The then [Standards Committee on 2nd July 2025](#) resolved to review options of publishing Code of Conduct Complaints information to inform a future decision by Members. Members asked to review arrangements for webcasting Governance Committee meetings.

2. Publication of Code of Conduct Complaints information

Currently, the Committee receives a verbal update at Committee meetings from the Monitoring Officer or his/her Deputy. This update is then captured in the minutes of the meeting.

Currently, no annual report of the Governance Committee is created or report the Annual Council meeting.

Many of the other Councils reviewed report a formal regular update as part of their agenda and reports pack giving a high-level update of information to the Committee and many have an Annual Report which is published.

3. Webcasting of Governance Committee meetings

Currently the Council is one of a few of those reviewed that does not webcast/livestream the relevant Committee that deals with Code of Conduct/Member Standards. However for many District Councils, their Standards function is combined with their Audit Committee Function which would normally be livestreamed.

From the research conducted from neighbouring local authorities, Teignbridge is the only District Council that currently does not webcast the Committee dealing with the Standards

function. For Upper Tier and Unitary Authorities, there is more of a mixed picture with 3 out of 7 webcasting their relevant Committees.

Members should consider that webcasting meetings is widespread and considered good practice to improve transparency, accountability and access to the Council's democratic processes. However, the webcasting/livestreaming of meetings is not a legal requirement in terms of public access to meetings.

Members should also consider the resource implication of webcasting a meeting in that it would require another Democratic Services officer to attend the meeting in order to run the webcasting system and balance this against the number of people who would watch the meeting. There has not been any request from members of the public in recent months to webcast/livestream this meeting.

4. Implications, Risk Management and Climate Change Impact

Covered on page 1 of the Report.

5. Alternative Options

The Committee is asked to consider a range of options and determine a decision in the meeting. The Committee could decide not to make a decision and continue the current arrangements.

6. Conclusion

The Committee is asked to consider the information within the appendix and consider the publication of information relating to the Governance Committee, Code of Conduct Complaints and webcasting of meetings.