

Council Meeting – 26 February 2026

Questions from Members of the Public

Members of the public may ask questions subject to procedural rules. Members of the Public who have submitted a question and are present at the meeting may also ask one supplementary question arising from the original question or response. A maximum period of 15 minutes will be allowed for public questions with a maximum period of three minutes per questioner.

Question from Susan Clarke to the Executive Member for Corporate and Finance

I have in my capacity as Council Leader in Buckfastleigh, been asking for some clarity (from elected members, officers and your CEO) about what happens to the interest earned on unspent CIL funds held by TDC. To date I have not been given an answer. Please can you clarify if the interest earned on unspent CIL is also ringfenced for infrastructure projects?

Response from the Executive Member for Corporate and Finance

Teignbridge District Council is a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Authority for the area covered by Teignbridge's Planning Authority. This excludes Dartmoor National Park which is covered by the Dartmoor National Park Authority for Planning, which does not charge CIL.

Interest earned on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) balances is not ring fenced for CIL purposes. However, the Council continues to provide large sums from non-CIL funds towards infrastructure spend and to alleviate the pressure of development

Town and Parish precept payments from within Teignbridge currently total over £6m per year. This is paid over to those councils well before the equivalent sums are paid from Council Taxpayers to Teignbridge DC. This 'forward funding' involves a significant loss of interest to Teignbridge.