



## Teignbridge District Council's Committees and how they work

Councillors are elected from 24 wards in Teignbridge to represent you and take decisions on your behalf on all kinds of important issues affecting the everyday life of the District, including how to provide homes and car parks; sports, art and leisure facilities; how to care for Teignbridge's environment and ensure the Council has enough funds to provide essential services. Councillors (also known as Members) meet to set priorities for the present and plan for the future.

The Council, comprising 47 Members, meets several times each year in the Council Chamber to decide the Council's overall policies and set the budget.

In addition to recommending major strategies to the Council, the Executive is responsible for the most significant and day to day decisions which are not delegated to officers.

There are two Overview & Scrutiny Committees and an Audit Scrutiny Committee which supports the work of the Executive and the Council as a whole. They consider issues and review services within their remit and make recommendations to the Executive and the Council on its policies, budget and service delivery issues. These committees also monitor the decisions of the Executive and can in certain circumstances "call-in" a decision which has been made but not yet implemented.

In addition the Council has Planning, Licensing & Regulatory and Standards Committees.

Members of the public are welcome watch live streaming of Council, Executive, Scrutiny and other Committee meetings via you tube to listen to the debate. On some occasions, where confidential information is to be discussed, you will not be able to view the whole meeting.

There is also a facility to allow you to ask a question at Overview & Scrutiny Committees (see section headed *How you can ask a question at the Overview & Scrutiny Committees*).

You may also be able to speak either for or against planning applications at Planning Committee. Further details can be obtained from the Democratic Services Officer (Committees) on 01626 215159 or email [comsec@teignbridge.gov.uk](mailto:comsec@teignbridge.gov.uk).