

Overview and Scrutiny – Outside Organisation Update from the Council’s appointed representatives

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The Council’s representatives are invited to report on any meetings of the appointed outside organisation, the role the organisation(s) they represent plays in promoting and aligning with the Council's priorities, policies and strategies, their impact and results, and advising on partnership discussions which are open and in the public domain. Feedback is scheduled across a full year cycle once per annum for most organisations and twice where meetings are more frequent (greater than 5).

Purpose of the Organisation:	Promotes the use of local rail services in the Exeter area and hinterland. Makes recommendations to operators of local train services and lobby them for improvements. Develops infrastructure projects at stations, to improve access and waiting facilities for all passengers.
Attendance requirements/ meetings attended:	<p>Meetings are held spasmodically. The last meeting was held on 5th March but some of the presenters pulled out at short notice which resulted in a meeting with limited value. Two subsequent meetings have been cancelled.</p> <p>From 20/5/25 the Teignbridge Representative on the Group is Councillor Alison Foden</p>
Feedback:	This forum needs a re-think if it is to continue.
Examples of where the brief above has been followed:	The meetings I have attended have mainly consisted of presentations from GWR and SWR staff with limited input from the wider Group.
Additional information relevant to Overview &	The forum is organised by Devon County Council and I suggest that we should ask them what the intent is for the group and if it is to continue request a review to agree how it should function in future.

Scrutiny including the value that TDC brings to this organisation and/or why this organisation needs TDC:	
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