

Agenda for Council Wednesday, 15th April, 2026, 6.00 pm

To: All elected Members of the Council; Honorary Aldermen

Venue: Council Chamber, Blackdown House, Honiton

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Dear Sir/Madam

Meeting of the Council of the District of East Devon on Wednesday, 15th April, 2026 at 6.00 pm

You are called upon to attend the above meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Blackdown House, Honiton. It is proposed that the matters set out on the agenda below will be considered at the meeting and resolution or resolutions passed as the Council considers expedient.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Hendren".

Tracy Hendren, Chief Executive

1 Apologies

2 Declarations of interest

Guidance is available online to Councillors and co-opted members on making [declarations of interest](#)

3 Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 5 - 23)

4 Public speaking

Information on [public speaking](#) is available online

5 Matters of urgency

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6 Announcements from the Chairman and Leader

7 Confidential/exempt item(s)

To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the Press) have been excluded. There are no items which officers recommend should be dealt with in this way, but if confidential minutes from Cabinet and/or the Council's Committees are being discussed, Officers may recommend consideration in the private part of the meeting.

8 To answer questions asked by Members of the Council pursuant to Procedure Rules No. 9.2 and 9.5 (Pages 24 - 29)

9 Reports from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees and questions on those reports (Pages 30 - 84)

10 Recommendation from Strata Joint Executive Committee - Strata Business Plan 2026/2027 (Pages 85 - 128)

11 Recommendation from Constitution Working Group - Part 2: Delegated Powers of Committees (Pages 129 - 156)

12 Recommendation from Constitution Working Group - LATCo Terms of Reference (Pages 157 - 164)

13 Recommendation from Constitution Working Group - Overview and Scrutiny Committees Terms of Reference (Pages 165 - 176)

14 Motion on Notice - Protection of Terrestrial Television Access (Pages 177 - 179)

Motion 1: Protection of Terrestrial Television Access

Proposed by: Councillor Stuart Hughes

Seconded by: Councillor Colin Brown

Supported by: Councillors Mike Goodman, Jenny Brown, Iain Chubb, Helen Parr, Ben Ingham and Brian Bailey

This Council notes:

- Ongoing national discussions regarding the potential future switch-off of terrestrial television services in the UK.
- That a significant number of residents in East Devon — particularly older people, those on low incomes, and those in rural areas — rely on terrestrial TV as their primary means of accessing news, public information, and entertainment.
- That many households do not have access to reliable, affordable broadband and would face financial or practical barriers in transitioning to internet-based television services.

This Council believes:

- That access to public service broadcasting is a vital public good.
- That any transition away from terrestrial TV must not disadvantage vulnerable residents or deepen digital exclusion.
- That Government must ensure universal, affordable alternatives are in place before any switch-off is considered.

This Council resolves to:

1. Write to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport expressing this Council's concerns and requesting clarity on the Government's long-term plans for terrestrial TV.
2. Urge the Government to guarantee that no switch-off will occur until reliable, affordable broadband and suitable equipment are available to all households.
3. Request that Government commits to fully funded support for residents who would face financial or practical barriers in transitioning to digital-only services.
4. Share this motion with East Devon's Members of Parliament, inviting their support and asking them to raise the issue in Parliament.

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