

Agenda for Annual Council Wednesday, 13th May, 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

Annual Meeting of the Council of the District of East Devon on Wednesday, 13th May, 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 **Election of Chair of the Council for the ensuing year**

The Chair will ask for nominations for the Office of Chair of the Council for the ensuing Civic Year.

(The Chair, if nominated, may not vote on their own election).

2 **Appointment of Vice Chair of the Council for the ensuing year**

The Chair will ask for nominations for the appointment of the Vice-Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

- 3 **Minutes of the previous Annual Council meeting** (Pages 4 - 25)
- 4 **Apologies**
- 5 **Declarations of interest**
Guidance is available online to Councillors and co-opted members on making [declarations of interest](#)
- 6 **Announcements from the Chair**
- 7 **Election of Leader of the Council for the ensuing year**
- 8 **Leader's appointment of the Deputy Leader of the Council**
- 9 **Leader's appointment to Cabinet**
The Leader will recommend the Cabinet members to act as Portfolio Holders.
- 10 **Council Constitution, Committee Appointments 2026/2027 including Fourms, Working Groups, Panels and Outside Bodies** (Pages 26 - 400)
- 11 **Annual Report of Leader of Council (Regulation 19)** (Pages 401 - 404)
- 12 **Annual Report - Scrutiny Committee 2025/2026** (Pages 405 - 415)
- 13 **Annual Report - Overview Committee 2025/2026** (Pages 416 - 422)
- 14 **Annual Report - Housing Review Board 2025/2026** (Pages 423 - 429)
- 15 **Annual Report - Audit & Governance Committee 2025/2026** (Pages 430 - 432)
- 16 **Councillor Champions Annual Report 2026/2027** (Pages 433 - 441)

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