



Saltash Town Council



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The Role of Saltash Town Council Representatives on Outside Bodies

- A Town Council representative on an outside body is exactly that: they represent the Council as a body rather than acting in a personal capacity. This means that a Town Council representative must always act in accordance with Council policies and bear in mind the limitations of the Council as a corporate body, as well as the opportunities which Council involvement can offer to any outside group. Town Council representatives on outside bodies allow those bodies to tap into the expertise and knowledge of the Council and councillors' links with other public sector organisations, such as the Unitary Council and the Police.
- A Town Council representative should not commit Council resources or support, whether financial or 'in kind', to an outside body but should bring all such requests back to Council in writing for consideration.
- Administrative support by Council staff is not available to outside bodies nor to Town Council representatives on outside bodies. Town Council representatives are responsible for carrying out the administration to support their own role.
- Councillors cannot apply to Council for a dispensation if they are a representative on outside bodies.
- Town Council representatives should update Council regularly about the outside bodies they are involved in. Ideally this should be done by verbal updates at Council meetings. Minutes of outside bodies' meetings should be shared with all Councillors and the Town Clerk.
- Town Council representatives should attend as many meetings of an outside body as they are reasonably able and send apologies if they are not able to attend a meeting. They may ask another councillor to attend in their place if the outside body is willing and permitted by its constitution to accept this.
- The Council expects its representatives to be kept informed of all meetings of outside bodies in a timely fashion and also expects that all paperwork will be shared with them.
- Any outside body is free to reject a specific Council representative on the understanding that their replacement will be nominated by Council, not by the outside body. Repeated non-attendance at meetings without good reason offers valid grounds to reject a specific Council representative.
- All outside groups are free to inform the Council at any time that Council representatives are no longer required, if their constitution so allows.