

Terms of Reference for the Community Engagement Committee

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1. Constitution

- 1.1. The Community Engagement Committee is constituted as a Committee of the East Preston Parish Council.
- 1.2. The Committee's terms of reference may be amended at any time by the Council.
- 1.3. The Committee may from time to time investigate, discuss or review matters outside its terms of reference if required to do so by the Council.

2. Authority

- 2.1. The Committee is authorised by the Council to manage any activity within its terms of reference.
- 2.2. The Committee is authorised by the Council to obtain external legal or other professional advice and to secure the attendance of anyone it considers has relevant experience, expertise or knowledge with the agreement of the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

3. Membership

- 3.1. The Committee shall be appointed by the Council from amongst its members and shall consist of not less than three members and not more than five. In accordance with Standing Order 13(a)(vii), the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council may attend all committee meetings and may exercise their right to speak and vote.
- 3.2. In accordance with Standing Order 13(a)(iii), the Committee shall elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman for the municipal year at its first meeting in every year.
- 3.3. The Clerk of the Council is Secretary to the Committee.

4. Attendance at Meetings

- 4.1. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Committee shall be at least one half of the members or not less than 3.

5. Frequency of meetings

5.1. Meetings shall be held at least four times a year.

5.2. Additional meetings may be called by the Council or by the Chairman of the Committee.

6. Responsibilities

6.1 To encourage two-way communication with East Preston residents and organisations located within East Preston. Communication may include, but is not limited to, public meetings, notice boards, newsletters, electronic technology, councillor surgeries, resident surveys, etc.

6.2 To understand residents' and organisations' opinions and expectations of EPPC.

6.3 To provide reports to Full Council regarding all opinions and expectations received.

7. Reporting Procedures

7.1. The Chairman of the Committee shall produce a short written report for circulation to all councillors for the following Full Council meeting. Where this is not practical, the Chairman shall give a short verbal report in place of the written report.