



Meeting:	Full Council
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The Parish and Town Council Charter is a non-legally binding agreement between Stroud District Council and parish and town councils. It sets out how we will work together to improve services, communication and decision-making for local communities.

Key points:

- **Partnership:** Both councils agree to work cooperatively, respect each other's roles and maintain high ethical standards.
- **Consultation:** Stroud District Council will consult parish councils on planning, licensing and other local matters, giving as much notice as possible. Parish councils agree to respond within consultation deadlines.
- **Communication:** Both parties commit to sharing information promptly, keeping contact details up to date and communicating respectfully.
- **Support:** The district council will provide training, guidance and resources for parish councils, including Code of Conduct training and support for neighbourhood plans.
- **Community issues:** The Charter encourages joint working on biodiversity, climate change, emergency planning and government initiatives.
- **Governance:** Both councils agree to promote good conduct, transparency and the Civility and Respect Pledge.
- **Review:** The Charter is reviewed annually, and any disputes should be resolved through discussion and, if necessary, the district council's complaints process.

Overall, the Charter is essentially a statement of good practice, encouraging cooperation and effective communication between Stroud District Council and parish councils. It does not create new legal powers or duties but provides a framework for how the councils should work together in the interests of local residents.

SDC request that it is considered and adopted by Full Council.