



WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL

Committee Membership 2025/2026

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Committee Membership & External Liaison Bodies 2024/2025

(NB Political group column indicative only (based on method of calculation for principal councils) but can be changed by agreement of Town Council/Groups)

No of Members	Political Group	Town Councillor	Role of the Committee/Sub/CCG/SFG Responsible for/to	Meeting Frequency
Finance and General Purposes Committee (Quorum 5)			Role: The overall purpose of this standing committee is to ensure that the council's finances, resources and statutory obligations are conducted in accordance with legislation, statutory regulations and good practice, and to administer services, which are not the responsibility of the other standing committees.	Bi-monthly
1	LAB	Helen Thornton		
2	LAB	Ciaran Cronnelly		
3	LAB	Charlie Williams		
4	LAB	Rob Skeen		
5	CON	Gill Bute		
6	CON	Lisa Pilgrim		
7	CON	Peter Crew		
8	LIB DEM	Mark Canniford		
9	LIB DEM	John Crockford-Hawley		
10	LIB DEM	Robert Payne		
Planning and Environment Committee (Quorum 5)			Role: The overall purpose of this standing committee is: (a) to ensure informed local knowledge is brought to bear on planning and licensing applications and to convey those views in a timely way to the appropriate authority; (b) to ensure local knowledge is brought to bear in relation to highway, road safety and transportation matters affecting the Town Council's geographical area and (c) to contribute to the formation of planning policies both locally and nationally	Every 4weeks
1	LAB	Catherine Gibbons		
2	LAB	Tim Taylor		
3	LAB	Richard Tucker		
4	LAB	John Carson		
5	CON	Peter Crew		
6	CON	Justyna Pecak-Michalowicz		
7	CON	Marcia Pepperall		
8	LIB DEM	Ray Armstrong		
9	LIB DEM	Caroline Reynolds		
10	LIB DEM	VACANCY		

Amenities Culture and Leisure Committee (Quorum 5)			Role: The overall purpose of this standing committee is to discharge effectively and economically the Council’s duties in the spheres of its community, leisure and cultural amenities and activities.	Bi-monthly
1	LAB	Owen James		
2	LAB	Rob Skeen		
3	LAB	Simon Harrison-Morse		
4	LAB	Annabelle Chard		
5	CON	Roger Bailey		
6	CON	John Standfield		
7	CON	Peter Crew		
8	LIB DEM	Ray Armstrong		
9	LIB DEM	John Crockford-Hawley		
10	LIB DEM	Caroline Reynolds		
Personnel Committee (Quorum 5)			Role: The overall purpose of this committee is to effectively and efficiently discharge the Council’s duties as an Employer.	3 times per year
1	LAB	Ciaran Cronnelly		
2	LAB	Alan Peak		
3	LAB	Owen James		
4	LAB	Tim Taylor		
5	CON	Gill Bute		
6	CON	John Standfield		
7	CON	Peter Crew		
8	LIB DEM	Mike Bell		
9	LIB DEM	Mark Canniford		
10	LIB DEM	Jemma Coles		
Youth Council			Reports to: Town Council	Monthly
1	LAB	Charlie Williams		
2	CON	Justyna Pecak-Michalowicz		
3	LIB DEM	Joe Bambridge		
& Youth Cllrs				

Grants and Governance Sub Committee (Quorum 4)			<p>Notwithstanding Standing Order No. 25.6.</p> <p>Reports to: Finance and General Purposes Committee</p> <p>Role: To deal with all Grant Applications received by council including but not limited to Small and Voluntary applications, Community Events applications, Weston in Bloom applications and Youth Council applications (as required). In addition to oversee the governance and monitoring of all Service Level Agreements</p>	Quarterly
1	LAB	Hugh Malyan		
2	LAB	Alan Peak		
3	LAB	James Clayton		
4	CON	John Standfield		
5	CON	Peter Crew		
6	LIB DEM	Joe Bambridge		
7	LIB DEM	Mike Bell		
Grievance and Appeals Sub Committee (Quorum 4)			<p>To include: 3 councillors from the Personnel membership (1 from each party) to hear any grievance or appeal</p> <p>Reports to: Personnel Committee</p> <p>Role of the committee: The overall purpose of this committee is to maintain a level of fairness in relation to staff grievances in order to discharge the Council's duties as an Employer. And to consider any appeals in relation to decisions made at Grievance Committee or Personnel Committee.</p>	As and when
1	LAB	Ciaran Cronnelly		
2	LAB	Alan Peak		
3	LAB	Owen James		
4	LAB	Tim Taylor		
5	CON	Gill Bute		
6	CON	John Standfield		
7	CON	Roger Bailey		
8	LIB DEM	VACANCY		
9	LIB DEM	VACANCY		
10	LIB DEM	VACANCY		
Civic Matters Community Consultative Group (Quorum 4)			<p>To include: Mayor, Deputy Mayor, group leaders, CEO / Town Clerk. Notwithstanding Standing Order No. 25.6 15</p> <p>Reports to: Finance & General-Purpose Committee</p>	Twice per year or as required
1	Mayor	Martin Williams		
2	Deputy Mayor	Owen James		
3	Leader of Council	Ciaran Cronnelly		
4	Opposition Group Leader x1	Gill Bute		

5	Opposition Group Leader x2	John Crockford-Hawley	Role: please note – deputy leaders only to attend in the absence of group leader. The overall purpose of this committee is to maintain and enhance the civic profile of the Council and the Mayoralty.	
6	CEO / Town Clerk	Sarah Pearse		
Allotments Community Consultative Group			Plus, Allotment Club Representation	3x per year
1	LAB	John Carson	Role: to be chaired by non-elected members. Reports to: Amenities, Culture and Leisure Committee	
2	CON	Roger Bailey		
3	LIB DEM	Caroline Reynolds		
Heritage Arts and Culture Community Consultative Group			Plus, Community Representation	3x per year
1	LAB	Helen Thornton	Role: to be chaired by non-elected members. Reports to: Amenities, Culture and Leisure Committee	
2	CON	Peter Crew		
3	LIB DEM	John Crockford-Hawley		
Old Town Quarry Start and Finnish Group (Quorum 4)			Role: To oversee the implementation of the COF grant funding to include the capital refurbishment programme. Reports to: Amenities, Culture and Leisure Committee	As required for duration of Project
1	LAB	Catherine Gibbons		
2	LAB	VACANCY		
3	LAB	Annabelle Chard		
4	CON	Gill Bute		
5	CON	John Standfield		
6	LIB DEM	Mark Canniford		
7	LIB DEM	Robert Payne		

City of Sanctuary Start and Finish Group (Quorum 4)			Role: to review the feedback from the engagement events and understand what the accreditation process would entail and make a recommendation to the Finance and General Purposes committee on 18 August 2025, about whether Weston-super-Mare Town Council progresses to the next phase or not of the council of sanctuary accreditation scheme. Reports to: Finance & General Purposes Committee	As required
1	LAB	James Clayton		
2	LAB	Catherine Gibbons		
3	LAB	Hugh Malyan		
4	CON	Peter Crew		
5	CON	Gill Bute		
6	LIB DEM	Robert Payne		
7	LIB DEM	Caroline Reynolds		
Devolution Start and Finish Group (Quorum 4)			Role of the Project Group: To approve principles of the Devolution Start & Finish Group and priority areas to meet the needs of the transition year and future opportunities as follows: 1. Determine which play areas from the 24 listed by NSC should transfer to the town council in the year 2025-26. 2. Prioritise assets of interest previously identified by WSMTC, create 'basket packages' and identify a timescale for when assets should devolve over future years, to be considered by NSC. Reports to: Finance and General Purposes Committee.	As required
1	LAB	Hugh Malyan		
2	LAB	Ciaran Cronnelly		
3	LAB	Simon Harrison-Morse		
4	CON	Gill Bute		
5	CON	Peter Crew		
6	CON	John Standfield		
7	LIB DEM	Robert Payne		
8	LIB DEM	Jemma Coles		
9	LIB DEM	Caroline Reynolds		

Representatives on External Organisations		Representative(s)
Anti-Racism Champion		Caroline Reynolds
Armed Forces Champions		Catherine Gibbons
Allotments Champion		Roger Bailey
Birnbeck Regeneration Trust		Owen James Marcia Pepperall John Crockford-Hawley
Bristol Airport Consultative Committee		Marcia Pepperall
Citizens Advice Bureau		Robert Payne
Fair trade Weston Steering Group		Caroline Reynolds
North Somerset Council standards sub committee		Tim Taylor
Single and Street Homelessness Partnership		James Clayton
Town Centre Partnership (x3 representatives)		Alan Peak Gill Bute Robert Payne
Weston Placemaking		Jemma Coles
Weston In Bloom Champion		Roger Bailey
Winter Gardens Community Board		VACANCY
Wyndham Lecture Trust		Catherine Gibbons
YMCA		Justyna Pecak-Michalowicz
Political Group 2025/2026	Political Group Leader 2025/2026	Dep Political Group Leader 2025/2026
Labour	Ciaran Cronnelly	Owen James
Conservative	Gill Bute	John Standfield
Liberal Democrat	John Crockford-Hawley	Robert Payne