

SPENNYMOOR TOWN COUNCIL



RIGHTS OF CITIZENS

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1. Rights of Citizens

Citizens have a number of rights in dealing with the Council. Some of these are legal rights, whilst others depend on the Council's own processes.

Citizens have the right to:

- Vote at local elections, if they are registered, and sign a petition;
- Contact their local Councillor about any matters of concern;
- Obtain a copy of the Constitution;
- Attend meetings of the Council and its committees, except where confidential business is being discussed;
- Participate in the Council's public participation arrangements (see Standing Order 13);
- See reports and background papers and any record of decisions made by the Council, except where this is confidential information;
- Complain to the Council using the Council's Comments and Complaints Procedure;
- Complain to the Monitoring Officer at Durham County Council if they have evidence which they think shows that a Councillor has not followed the Council's Code of Conduct;
- Inspect the Council's accounts and make their views known to the external auditor within the given timeframes.

2. Citizens' Responsibilities

Citizens must not be violent, abusive or threatening to Members or Officers and must not wilfully harm things owned by the Town Council.