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Bracknell Forest residents and businesses encouraged to have their say

Local residents and businesses are being encouraged by the council to have their say on matters important to them, by getting involved with the Overview and Scrutiny Commission.

The Overview and Scrutiny Commission reviews the council's services to ensure they are provided in a transparent and democratic way, with clear accountability. With all meetings now being held online, The Commission is asking that more people get involved, submit their questions and get their voices heard.

The Vice-Chairman of the Commission, Cllr Tony Virgo said: "It's easier than ever to get involved in things that interest you. This new way of holding meetings means there is no need to travel to the council offices. People can take part from the comfort of their own home. We urge people to get in touch and get involved."

The [public participation scheme](#) gives members of the public the opportunity to ask questions and you can submit a question for a councillor to ask on your behalf. The next Overview and Scrutiny Commission meeting is being held on Tuesday, 13 October and will focus on community safety and mental health in education during the pandemic. Click [here](#) for the full agenda.

Future meetings will focus on the draft budget proposals (Wednesday, 11 November) and climate change (Wednesday, 2 December).

If you'd like to get involved in next week's meeting, send your question or comment to: committee@bracknell-forest.gov.uk by 11am on Monday, 12 October.