

APPENDIX 1

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES OF WORKSHOP

WHAT DOESN'T WORK

- **Members don't know what's going on**
- **Members aware of cabinet decisions too late to influence**
- **Briefing of opposition members**
- **Cabinet system doesn't engage members or partners – too much detailed/diverse information**
- **Communications with local members on local issues**
- **Meetings which are talking shops**

WHAT DOES WORK

- **Cabinet works for the ruling administration**
- **Member seminars**
- **Overview and Scrutiny task groups which are well supported, responsive, involve “blue sky thinking”, are capable of changing people's positions on issues by producing evidenced based conclusions, take advantage of members interests and experience, involve representatives from outside the council**
- **Recent Overview and Scrutiny experiments on engaging members on the budget setting and monitoring process**

WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

- **Improving the “vibe”**
 - **More opportunities for members to have informal discussions**
 - **Quality time for cross party, “blue sky thinking”**
- **Improving transparency**
 - **Early identification of key themes/forthcoming issues to allow opportunity to influence and to ensure “no surprises”**
 - **Being clear about the timing of decisions**
- **Improved briefing of Members**
 - **To allow for the involvement of members to engage on specific topics/services adopting an evidenced based approach**
 - **For opposition groups**
 - **On local issues**

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

- **The “vibe”**
 - **Face2Face style informal meetings between cabinet and overview and scrutiny members**
 - **More seminars similar to the LTP seminar where there is a specific outcome and members have influence**
 - **Link events to other meetings eg council meetings**
 - **Involve officers at all levels to improve awareness and understanding of issues at all levels**
- **Transparency**
 - **Seminars linked to issues within the Cabinet’s Forward Plan**
 - **Leader/Cabinet Members to identify key forthcoming issues to enhance engagement of Overview and Scrutiny on key issues at an early stage**
 - **Develop Overview and Scrutiny function to make it more proactive, more focus on external issues, and investigate the possibility of aligning individual members or groups of members to specific Cabinet Member portfolios or key service areas eg Roads, Planning and Waste, Education on a select committee style**
- **Briefing of Members**
 - **To improve the flow of information to members by not producing more information but better information**
 - **To consider specifically what information members need to know to enable them to engage and inform their parish and town councils**
 - **To undertake local briefings within local areas**
 - **To implement a revised system to improve the briefing of opposition members, either collectively or through regular group leaders’ meetings, to improve trust and confidence**
 - **To consider specifically what information and support members need to have to enable them to engage and inform their parish and town councils and residents.**

APPENDIX 2

STANDARDS WORKSHOP – 27 MARCH 2007

GROUPS

<u>GROUP 1</u>	<u>GROUP 2</u>	<u>GROUP 3</u>
<u>Room 3</u>	<u>Room 7</u>	<u>Room 8</u>
Mr Molland Mr Moss Mr Noeken Mr Osborn Mrs Scott Mr West Mr While	Mr Baker Mr Deane Mr Henning Mr Johnson Mr Oldrieve Mrs Taylor Mr Thomson	Mrs Bryant Mr Coleman Mr Dalton Brig Hall Mrs White
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