

Dear Councillor

Governance and Logistics Panel Survey The Democratic Process: Visibility of Cabinet Decision-Making

This survey is part of the Governance and Logistics Panel review of the Democratic Process. Please complete this short survey to help us understand whether Cabinet decision-making is sufficiently visible.

Cabinet-Decision Making Process

The Cabinet decision-making process is as follows:

- All Cabinet dates are published well in advance of the meetings
- Five Working Days prior to the meeting the Cabinet Agenda is published and available to view on the Council's website. Paper copies are also available from the Democratic Services Team
- Councillors have those five days to read the agenda, speak to Portfolio Holders, speak to lead Officers and form a view on the issues to be considered by Cabinet
- All formal Cabinet meetings are open to the public and Councillors are also entitled to stay during confidential items as well
- Councillors are able to contact the Leader (and Democratic Services) prior to the meeting and request that they be allowed to make a deputation at the Cabinet meeting to put their point across to the Cabinet prior to the decision being taken
- There is no time limit or limit on the amount of deputations Councillors can make at Cabinet. There is a rule regarding repeating subjects within six months, but there is no limit on individual Councillors making different deputations at successive meetings. You can go every meeting if you wish.

Survey

Please complete the following questions:

1. Do you think that this process makes Cabinet decision-making sufficiently visible?

Yes/No/Don't know

2. Do you know how to participate in this process?

Yes/No/Don't know

3. Do you think that councillors should be able to observe informal Cabinet meetings?

Yes/No/Don't know

Please Turn Over

If you answered "no" or "don't know" to any of the above questions, please explain why in the space below.