

## MEMBER DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

#### **DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

The Democratic Services Section comprises the following Officers:-

Peter Watkins

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- Executive Director of Central Services

Roy Reeves

- Head of Administration

Christine Deller Lisa Jablonska Democratic Services ManagerCentral Services Manager

Helen Taylor Claire Harris Tony Roberts

Helen Lack

- Senior Democratic Services Officer

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## **About You**

How long have you been a district councillo	or?
Less than 1 year 1-2 years 3-4 years More than 4 years	
Are you also a County Councillor / Parish o	r Town Councillor?
Yes No	
To assist us in the arrangement of training of please indicate what your daily commitment	
Full-time employed Part-time employed Self-employed Not working (e.g. retired)	
Please provide details of those Council Par which you are a member.	nels and Committees o
Cabinet Employment Panel Licensing & Protection Panel	
Licensing Committee	□
Development Control Panel  Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery & Resources)  Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Planning & Finance)	
Standards Committee	
Leisure Centre Management Committee  Corporate Governance Panel	
Elections Panel	

#### **Current Support Provided by the Council**

Thinking about your role as Councillor, for each of the services etc. provided to Members by the Council listed below please indicate how useful you have found them or how often you use them, as appropriate.

('N/A' means that the item is either not relevant to you or you have not used the service or item and therefore do not have a view)

#### A. Services provided by the Council to Members

I make use of the following Services –	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Neve
Advice on - Allowances and expenses Drafting of Members' questions Members Code of Conduct Minutes Drafting Motions to Council Parish / ward matters Constitution Chairman's briefings				
Equipment hire for meetings Room hire for political meetings Photocopying Printing Secretarial services Travel arrangements & accommodation Members' Room facilities-				
Members' library Council Year Book and Filofax				
Modern.gov Members Home Page				

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elpful –	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Signpost – a guide to support services for Members					
I&DeA – a councillor's guide					
Council Year Book & Filofax					
Contacts Book					
Training & Development Programme					
Telephone Directory					
Budget & MTP Book					

#### C. IT and related facilities

Which of the following best describ	e your leve	l of IT litera	cy?			
Advanced						
Intermediate						
Basic						
I make use of the following Serv	ices –	Frequent	ly Occasion	ally Rarely	Never	
HDC Intranet						
Internet						
Pickwick (Elections System)				_		
GIS						
Modern.gov				_		
Public Access for Planning						
If you have answered Never/ Rarel						
Please indicate level of satisfact associated publicly available par	ion with th	e followinç	g aspects of t			N/A
			Dissatisfied			
Speed of Access						
Navigation						
Search Engine						
Member-specific Content						
Other Content						
Overall level of satisfaction with the HDC intranet						
Please indicate level of satisfaction with these services	Voru	Satisfied	Neither	Dissatisfied	Von	NI/A
At Dath College Land	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A
At Pathfinder House	_	_	_		_	_
Computers						
Printers						
Telephones						
At Home (or wherever personal equipment is provided)						
Computer						
Printer						
Telephone						
Voicemail				П		

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If dissatisfied with any of the IT ser					
D. Training Courses  Which of the following training cour					
Please indicate level of satisfaction with the courses that you attended	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Overview & Scrutiny Training Development Control Training Licensing Training Induction Training IT Training Skills Training Standards Training Specialist Seminars					
Are you able, in general, to attend	courses he	ld at the foll	owing times?		
Daytime Monday-Friday Morning only Monday-Friday Afternoon only Monday-Friday Outside office hours Monday-Friday Saturdays		Yes	No		
Have there been courses that you times that were unsuitable for you?		attend but co	ould not do so	because they	/ were held at
Yes	No				
Would you prefer more courses to	be held at v	weekends to	o enable you to	o attend?	
Yes	No				
Would you be interested in web-ba online and can be completed at you			(i.e. where cou	urse materials	are presented
Yes	No				

Have you bee	en satisfied o	overall with the provis	ion of training	courses?	
Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
•	•	r areas in which you vor other Members	vould like furt	her training an	d/or you consider that

## **Contact with Officers**

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I	More than 10 times	More than twice but less than 10 times	Once or Twice	Never				
	often have yo ast year?	ou had face-to-fa	ace meetings	s with Office	ers (other than	at Committed	e Meetings) o	ver
	Frequently	Sometimes	Rarely	Never				
Have	you had any	difficulties in ide	entifying the	most suital	ole Officer(s) to	o deal with yo	our queries?	
	Frequently	Sometimes	Rarely	Never				
Have	you had any	difficulties in co	ntacting Offi	icers?				
	In person							
	E-mail Telephone							
and (	•		_					
		t means of com	nmunication	you use to	contact Office	rs (in order of	preference 1	,2

## **Availability of Information/Information Management**

Very Satisfied
Are you satisfied with the clarity of reports submitted to meetings?  Very Satisfied Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied  Council documents on the intranet?  Very Satisfied Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied  Council documents on the intranet?  Very Satisfied Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied  Council documents on the intranet?  Very Satisfied Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied  Council documents on the intranet?  Very Satisfied Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied  Council documents on the intranet?  Very Satisfied Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied  Council documents on the intranet?  Very Satisfied Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied  Council documents on the intranet?  Very Satisfied Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied  Council documents on the intranet?  Very Satisfied Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied  Very Satisfied Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied  Very Satisfied Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied
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Do you use the hyperlinks in the Forward Plan to background documents (where available)?
Yes No
Are you happy with the way ward specific matters are currently conveyed to Ward Members?
Yes No
Do you know how to Call In a Cabinet decision?
Yes No

## **Contact with other Members**

Have	you found otl	her Member	s helpful in prov	viding you v	vith advice and	d information?		
	Yes	No						
Have	you found ot	her Member	s helpful in prov	viding you v	vith guidance a	as to your role	as a counci	llor?
	Yes	No						
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	Yes	No □						
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	Yes	No						
If yes	, would you b	e prepared	to act as a men	tor?				
	Yes	No						

#### **Democratic Services - Potential Improvements to Support Services Offered to Members**

The following are a selection of services/equipment that are provided by Democratic Services at other local authorities to their Members. Please state if you think they would assist you in your dealings with the community.

Service	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I would find the following useful -					
Arrangement of -					
Briefings on specific topics					
Interview room					
Dedicated Member meeting rooms at Pathfinder House Diary management			П		
Enhanced secretarial support for individual Members	=				
Political assistants			브		
Research support (confidential)		님			
Assistance with Surveys, Consultation etc Logging and chasing of Member enquiries					
Monitoring complaints		片	H		
Notification of Ward related Committee reports		H			H
Co-ordination of public meetings	ä	H	Ä	ä	Ä
Ward Surgeries -	_	_	_	_	_
Arrangement of (including room hire)					
Development of information packs on ward surgeries					
Development of packs for distribution to new residents					
Publicity for Support for					
Cash Sum (eg £500) to use at the discretion of					
the Member on constituency matters or equipment	Ц	Ц	Ь	Ц	Ц
Equipment and consumables -					
Answering machines					
Facsimile machines					
Mobile telephones					
Pagers					
Digital cameras					
Scanners					
Office furniture					
Office stationery other than headed paper					
Postage					
Broadband					

## **Your Suggestions**

Please return your completed questionnaire to Democratic Services, First Floor, Pathfinder House.

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