

Community Liaison
in Kent

Gravesham Neighbourhood Forums

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Aims

- To provide a channel of communication between residents, elected representatives and officers from the three tiers of local government and other organisations delivering services to the local communities; to inform and to be informed;
- To promote and develop elected members as representatives and leaders of the local community;
- To provide an opportunity for local people and communities to influence the decisions and all local services and issues which affect them and their neighbourhoods;
- To empower residents and community groups to act to improve the quality of life, their neighbourhoods, the Borough and the County



- 1 Forum per County division
- Partnership
- Equal roles of local government tiers
- Regular but responsive approach

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Member led but;

- Public meetings attended by local council representatives
- Not Council meetings that the public attend

- Change
- Partnerships
- Expectations
- Outcomes

- Politics
- ‘We know best’ attitudes
- ‘Them and us’
- Promotion and publicity
- Outcomes and actions
- Resources
- Sustaining interest long term

- Participatory Budgeting
- Web based discussions to compliment public meetings and web casting meetings
- More outcomes

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