



DEMOCRATIC AND COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMME 2022

WORKING WITH COUNCILLORS– GROUP DISCUSSION

What's it like working with councillors in your council?

1. Changes in Governance Arrangements

Have any of you experienced changes in your council's governance arrangements eg. changeover from committee system to leader and cabinet or vice versa, or a change to or from a mayoral system?

If so, what effect did this have on the way in which decisions are taken, the way councillors work together and with officers, and on Democratic Services?

2. Council Leadership

Did any of your councils have a change of control at last May's elections? Do any of you anticipate a change of control at this year's elections?

How many of your councils have a large majority group? Or do some of you work for a council led by a group with a small majority? How does member behaviour compare?

Is there anyone in your discussion group who currently works for a hung council? If so what's different?

2. Is there an effective political opposition in your council?

Where's the opposition in your council? Is there a single opposition or a small number of minority groups?

How would you describe the opposition in your council? Is it constructive or adversarial? And is it seen as effective?

Or is the real opposition in the majority group?