



Working with Councillors



Issues affecting your councils

- ❖ From year to year any number of changes might affect a council and have repercussions for Democratic Services teams
- ❖ New legislation, changes to the leadership of the council, or its governance arrangements
- ❖ Other changes might include mergers of councils, the creation of more unitary authorities, and partnerships between councils



Then there's the politics

- ❖ The political administration's leadership style
- ❖ Member/officer relations - especially between leading members and the senior management team
- ❖ Relationships between the party groups
- ❖ Relationships between members of the majority group
- ❖ Member behaviour - especially where serious or repeated misconduct is not addressed
- ❖ The fallout from a no confidence vote in the council leader





And there's more!

- ❖ Changes in the run up to and immediately after local elections (The pre-election purdah period)
- ❖ Changes in political leadership or control following local elections. This might include moving into or out of 'NOC'
- ❖ The frequency of local elections –all out elections every 4 years or elections by thirds
- ❖ Changes in governance arrangements eg from executive arrangements to a committee system or vice versa





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What's it like in your council?

How does your experience compare?

What are the differences?

