



DEMOCRATIC AND COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMME 2023

WORKING WITH COUNCILLORS– GROUP DISCUSSION

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

1. 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? What effect does this have on decision making in your council?

Is there anyone in your discussion group who currently works for a hung council? If so, what effect does this have on the way in which decisions are taken, and the way councillors work together and with officers?

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

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