

NEW POLITICAL STRUCTURES – COMPOSITE ACTION PLAN (UPDATED 4th April 2005) OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

REF.	PROPOSED ACTION	STATUS	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER/MEMBER
	Issue: Decision Making			
1.	<p>Delegation: Review the scheme of delegations, ensuring that any agreement is clear to members and provides for scrutiny of decisions. The review should also cover partnership working.</p> <p>Supporting actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthen/develop the policy framework to underpin the scheme of delegations ▪ Review the working of Policy Committees (including the composition of agendas) to devote more time to policy development and performance management 	<p>EDS, HCS and F&M have reviewed their work practices agreeing to establish an annual work programme. Council has approved amendments to the Policy Committees Terms of Reference and Schemes of Delegation to streamline decision making and enable them to perform a more strategic, policy orientated role</p> <p>The Working Panels and Chief Officers are to formulate a draft annual work programme for adoption by Committees at the start of the municipal year.</p>	HIGH	<p>Chief Executive; Leader</p> <p>Chief Officers</p>
2.	<p>Policy Committees – Reports: Review reporting arrangements (in particular, the provision of options for decision making).</p>	<p>To be linked with the scheme of delegation under point 2.</p>	HIGH	Chief Executive
3.	<p>Transparency: Investigate the feasibility of allowing members of the public to speak at Policy Committees, the Development Control Committee and Council.</p>	<p>Constitution allows for public questions at Policy Committees and Council Meetings. Public speaking at Development Control Committee included in the Development Control Best Value Review Action Plan.</p>	HIGH	<p>Chief Executive & Deputy Chief Executive (Development Control)</p>
	Issue: Role of Full Council			
4.	<p>Working arrangements: Review the working of full Council to eliminate unnecessary bureaucracy, stimulate debate, and provide more information to Members on key issues.</p>	<p>Establish an annual work programme for Full Council and continue to receive presentations, seminars and workshops on current key issues e.g. IEG Statement and CPA.</p>	MEDIUM	Chief Executive Full Council