

Scrutiny Committee Cabinet Review - Members Survey

Please read these instructions before answering the questions:

- ★ Please read the instructions for answering each question carefully,
- ★ Please check a box to indicate your answer,
- ★ Please check that you have answered all the questions that apply to you,
- ★ When you have completed the questionnaire, please send us your response by clicking on the submit button at the end of the survey by **Wednesday 30 May 2012**

Cabinet

1. **Are you part of the administration group?**
 - Yes
 - No

2. **Were you a Councillor prior to May 2011?**
 - Yes Go to 3.
 - No Go to 4.

3. **If yes how has the change in governance affected your involvement in policy shaping and/or decision making?**
 - Not affected
 - Less involved
 - More involved

4. **The Cabinet system has been in place for one year. How do you think the system is working? (please tick the relevant box(es))**
 - It has improved the speed of decision making Go to 5.
 - It has not changed the speed of decision making Go to 6.
 - It has improved the quality of decision making Go to 5.
 - It has not changed the quality of decision making Go to 6.

5. **Please list the improvements that you have seen.**

6. **What would your suggestions be to accelerate and improve the governance process?**

7. Are you able to take a role on the committees/working groups you would like to?

- Yes Go to 9.
 No Go to 8.

8. If no, what could be done to ensure you are included?

9. Do you feel that there are too many committees/working groups?

- Yes
 No

10. Do you think the Cabinet-style governance has affected the way Full Council works?

- Yes Go to 11.
 No Go to 12.

11. If yes, please state your reasons in the space below:

12. Given the choice, would you prefer a Committee governance system?

- Yes
 No

Scrutiny

13. The Scrutiny Committee monitors and scrutinises performance and decisions made by the executive, committees and outside bodies. Are you aware of the role you can play within the Scrutiny process?

- Yes Go to 14.
 No Go to 15.

14. If yes, please state what you believe your role is in the space below:

15. If no, would you benefit from Scrutiny training?

- Yes
 No

16. Following a meeting, a decision list is published (normally within two working days of the meeting). If the decision is not called-in, it is implemented five working days after the publication of that decision list.

Members of the Scrutiny Committee can call-in any decision for reconsideration during that five working day period. The Scrutiny Committee Chairman or any three members of the committee can exercise that right to call-in.

Do you feel that this process is right for UDC?

- Yes Go to 18.
- No Go to 17.

17. If no, how would you improve the call-in procedure?

Your role as a Councillor

18. Please rank in order of importance what you believe your role is as a councillor. (Select in order of importance where 1 is most important and 6 is least important.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Representing the interest of your ward as a whole.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Representing the interest of individual constituents.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making decisions that affect the whole district.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring political priorities and policies are enacted at local level.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Representing UDC with other tiers of government.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Representing UDC on outside bodies.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. Is there anything else that you would add to this list?

- Yes Go to 20.
- No Go to 21.

20. If yes, please specify in the space below:

21. Including all aspects of your role, how much time on average do you spend on Council business per week?

22. Do you read the Members' Bulletin?

Yes

Go to 24.

No

Go to 23.

23. If no, how do you keep informed with what is happening at the council?

24. Do you access committee agendas/minutes/reports via the council's website?

Regularly

Go to 26.

Occasionally

Go to 26.

Never

Go to 25.

25. If never, how do you find out what is happening at committee/working group meetings that you are not a member of?

26. How would you prefer to receive your committee/working group papers?

Paper form

Electronic

Both paper and electronic

Training

27. Were you elected to the Council for the first time in 2011?

Yes

Go to 28.

No

Go to 30.

28. If yes, looking back at your induction training, did it meet your requirements?

Yes partially

Go to 29.

Yes fully

Go to 30.

No

Go to 29.

29. To improve the training, what could be included for new members?

30. What (if any) topics would you like training on? Please list in the space below:

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.