

Governance Task Group

World Cafe

There are 7 principles of good governance (see BC KLWN Code of Corporate Governance). The World Cafe discussions are designed to consider the Council's Governance Structure. How does it aid good governance and how does it hinder this. We'll do this through three sessions each tackling a question with a different focus.

- The quality of decisions made
- The transparency of the decision making process
- Accountability for decisions taken

For all questions please seek examples or reasons to support general statements/opinions

Session 1

Core Question :: Is the present governance model helping the Council to make good decisions. i.e. are the best outcomes achieved for the residents of the borough?

Prompt Questions

Does it provide for options/alternatives to be considered?

Does it provide opportunity for Members to be involved in shaping proposals before they are considered for approval?

Do decision makers focus on the beneficial outcomes for the community - economic, social, environmental?

Are law, policy and values guiding decisions.

Are the correct people making the decisions and have they received the training they need?

Session 2

Core Question :: Is the Council open and transparent in the way it makes decisions?

Prompt Questions

Are upcoming important decisions included in a programme / timetable that is available to all to see?

Is it clear who will be making the decision?

Once made is it clear what factors have influenced the decision and why the decision was made?

Session 3

Core Question :: Are there ways to hold the decision maker to account for the decision?

Prompt Questions

Are there mechanisms by which a decision can be halted and reviewed before implementation?

Are there opportunities to review KPIs, project reports, financial performance and outcomes relating to a decision and hold the decision maker to account?

Are the risks associated with a decision adequately considered?