

Draft Statement of Intent

Principles for Working Together at a Ward Committee Meeting

Ward Councillors shape the decisions that affect the ward they represent and the communities within their ward. They lead on Ward Committee meetings and ward team meetings which are open to representatives from the major public sector agencies operating in the area, the voluntary sector and community representatives.

In regard to the working relationship between ward team members, all parties are encouraged to sign up to the following principals:

Ward Committee/Team Members will:

- Work together with mutual respect and ensure effective two-way communication
- Ensure issues/developments from their area or area of work, are communicated effectively to all members
- Use their personal skills, experience and networks to ensure that the work of the ward committee is effective in addressing local needs
- Act as advocates for the advancement and benefit of the whole community rather than on behalf of any particular organisation, except where there is an agreement (e.g. voluntary and community sector) that the interests of a particular organisation represent an issue of importance to the ward as a whole.
- Work together to promote sustainable social, economic and environmental development in their ward.
- Where appropriate, respect the confidential nature of information shared by public sector agencies.
- Recognise the strategic role of the Local Authority and the equitable distribution of services which it has to achieve.