

**O&S T&F Group Meeting**  
**held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 2 pm**

**Present:-** Councillor Bailey, Councillor Musgrave, Councillor Pearce, Councillor Whitcomb, Tracy Winsler, Susie Beer.

**Apologies:-** Councillor Cloke, Councillor Sheldon.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Two Committee Option and to discuss if it was working. Comments made during this meeting were:-

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:-**

- Concerned about workload for individual Committees, especially Community Services and Resources.
- Meeting to be arranged with the Chairmen of Community Services and Resources.
- Link between Community Services and Resources.
- Community Services Committee was felt to be too big and things were being missed.
- Pressure on the Chair and Vice-Chair.
- Full time job for the Chairman,
- Massive commitment.
- Should the trial run for another 3 months?
- Time scale – piloted for 1 year.
- Take back recommendation, take to Council in March. O&S meeting in January to investigate conclusions/recommendations.
- Go to 1 year with trial period.
- Speak to Chair & Vice Chair of Community Services & Resources Committee.
- Speak to Committee Clerks, Tony Rose & Kathy Trant.
- Imbalance between Community Services & Resources, CS too big.
- Main concern Community Services Committee.
- Chairman of Community Services to sit on Resources.
- Chairs to be able to sit on each Cttee (CS & R).
- Lead Members of Groups – get their views.
- Survey all Members for feedback.
- Invite 2 Chairs to the October Meeting of O&S.
- Possibly 3 Committees – which would consist of Resources, Environment & Economy and Community Life.
- Need to find someone who has got the time to talk to lots of people, this is part of the job and so it needs to be someone who can manage this.
- If the right person found, would the 2 Committee Option work?
- Is the structural aspect correct?
- At the moment feels uneven.
- Feels too soon to say totally doesn't work.
- Need to be able to do a tremendous amount of talking to people.
- Community Services Committee overloaded, don't have the correct amount of time to sort out problems (eg refuse collections and problems with leisure (Meadowlands)).

- Tweak Committees, clearer communication between 2 Committees.
- No recommendation to be made today, just reviewing which way to go.
- 15 Jan recommendation to Council.
- Discuss at Informal Council?
- Purpose of 2 Committee to save Officer time. Worried this is not being achieved.
- Members are more involved now.
- Huge workload.
- Want a 2 Committee system but perhaps more frequent?

**CONCLUSION:-**

- Original drivers (reports to Council) to be looked at/reviewed to refresh Members as to why 2 Committee Option was made.
- Scoping document to be completed by Tracy Winsler for Members to approve.
- Wider membership to be advised so that they can get an understanding of some of the difficulties currently being faced.
- Need to look at in more detail.
- Decision cannot be made at today's meeting and will be investigated further.

(The meeting terminated at 3.05 pm)