West Devon

## ASSESSMENT OF THE TWO COMMITTEE PILOT

| QUESTION | ANSWER |
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| 1. In considering the criteria used to determine the pilot scheme, which were:- <br> - It must enable Members to lead on policy and governance <br> - Members should be accountable for decisions which must be made democratically <br> - It must be an effective and efficient model for the Council <br> - Benefits should be gained by being align with the management structure <br> Overall how successful do you think the scheme has been to date? Score 1 to 10 (10 being highest) | Average score of surveys returned is 5.5 |
| 2. Should the Chairmen of each Community Services and Resources Committee have a nonvoting place on the other Committee? | Yes <br> But could add to already busy workload. |
| 3. Is the frequency of meetings too often/ not enough/ correct? | Yes, but more could be made of reserved dates for special meetings. <br> Main meetings too far apart. |
| 4. Do you feel that the workload is too great for lead Members on Community Services Committee? If so, how could this be addressed? | Yes <br> Split FP\&H from CSC <br> Could split CSC in half <br> Chair has too many commitments <br> Some Councillors being left out of decision making process. |
| 5. Do you feel the current Overview and Scrutiny arrangements are adequate to support the Two Committee Model? If no, how could this be addressed? | Yes <br> Could be two dedicated committees <br> No, too much work placed on O\&S, some issues not being addressed, should be looking at internal matters. |
| 6. Is it too soon to make a decision about whether the pilot has been successful? If so, would you like to see the pilot extended for another year? | Yes. <br> Should extend for another year <br> Could tweak current system |


|  | Don't think anything to be gained by extending. |
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| 7. Should Members be able to sit on more than one of Community Services and Resources Committee? | Yes, |
|  | If CSC split into two |
|  | Horrendous workload, would anyone want to? |
|  | Yes, when committee places allocated. |
|  | Some Members appear as subs already especially from P\&L. |
| 8. Do you have any further comments which you wish to be considered during the review into the Two Committee Model? | Importance of Working Groups need to be recognised. |
|  | 2Committee System too cumbersome for committee to digest information from Officers. |
|  | Feels like decisions are rubberstamped after being agreed in small working parties. |
|  | Issues not fully debated. |
|  | Alignment of with management system overplayed, need to reflect on what is best for democracy. |

