

Decision Maker: EXECUTIVE AND RESOURCES
POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Key Non-Key

Title: COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP - UPDATE

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Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This Committee's Communications Working Group submitted its report in February 2010. At the request of the Working Group's chairman, Councillor Nicholas Bennett, progress against the forty nine recommendations in the Working Group's report has been assessed.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The Committee is requested to comment on progress with the implementation of the Working Group's recommendations.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: See attached schedule.
 2. Ongoing costs: Recurring Costs
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
 4. Total current budget for this head: £320,320
 5. Source of funding: 2012/13 Revenue Budget
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): There are 8 staff (7.22 fte) in the Democratic Services Team
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not Applicable
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: This report does not involve an executive decision
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Communications Working Group was set up by this Committee in May 2009, and comprised Councillors Nicholas Bennett (Chairman), Peter Morgan, George Taylor and Stephen Wells. Councillors Simon Fawthrop and David McBride were also appointed, but subsequently left the Working Group. The Working Group presented its report to the Committee's meetings in February and March 2010 and the Chief Executive produced a summary of comments on the recommendations for the Committee's meeting in July 2010. A report on progress was subsequently considered by the Executive in June 2011.
- 3.2 A table commenting on progress with the report's forty nine recommendations is attached as Appendix 1. The recommendations have been re-grouped, at Members' request, into four new headings – (i) actions being implemented, (ii) strategic issues, (iii) process issues and (iv) future investment.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	