

Member Services One Year On

01 April 2016 - 31 March 2017

Our Vision:

"We will champion and support all County Councillors (Members) in providing a voice for residents to improve outcomes from Buckinghamshire. We will also drive forward and support good governance across the Council which means that we will promote Council decision-making that is democratically-led, open and accountable"

Some of the things we've achieved this year:



Supporting Members

- 100%** Expenses claims paid on time
- 72%** Scrutiny Recommendations agreed by Cabinet and Partners
- 21** Member briefing and training sessions
- 8** Scrutiny Inquiries completed



Good Governance

- 100%** All Council Committees using ICT system to ensure all reports are cleared by Legal and Finance teams before publication
- 96%** Agenda packs for all meetings published within 5 working days
- 94%** Draft minutes sent for comment within 5 working days
- 188** Meetings of committees, forums and boards supported by Member Services
- 100** Cabinet Member decisions taken and implemented



Supporting the Public

- 18,139** Visits to webcasts of Council committee meetings (approx. 80 per day)
- 617** Twitter followers of @bucksdemocracy
- 32** Petitions received and answered



Supporting Officers

- 102** Officers trained on Working with Councillors, Decision Making and Report Writing
- 4** Member Services officer assigned to each service area to improve working with Councillors and advise on decision making

Key Priorities for the year ahead:



Member Induction, Training and Support



Scrutiny Inquiries



Paperless initiative