

Public Consultation

Online survey

- Launched 10 January, with 31 January deadline
- Publicised across all council communication channels
- 23 completed responses

Survey results summary

- 22 of those responding were fully or partly aware of the council's system of decision-making
- 12 had attended a council meeting or joined a live webcast
- 3 of those responding had previously asked a question at a full council meeting.
- Those who had not asked a question offered reasons why including feeling intimidated by not understanding procedures, meetings inaccessible, too long to wait until meeting
- 19 wanted to ask a question under the new system of governance

Survey results summary (cont)

- 19 agreed they would be more involved if there was an alternative way of raising issues with the council and not just at meetings
- 16 responses were received in the free text box requesting views on the change of decision-making structure
- Comments about the structure included – “clear and inclusive and welcomes input from the public”, “retrograde step that will at best delay timely decision making”, “please make public how residents etc can easily contact councillors”.

Public meeting 5 February 2024

- Announced 10 January (x2 news releases)
- Publicised across all council communication channels (3 times on social media in week prior to meeting)
- Kent Online report (30 January) of full council meeting inc. reference to in person meeting
- 3 members of the public attended. All spoke at the meeting.