

ROTHER ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Position questionnaire

Local Government White Paper 2006: "Strong and Prosperous Communities"

Please tick the box that most closely summarises your Council's position on each proposal. Please add short comments if you wish or attach longer comments.

1 Does your Council support the extension of the "power of well-being" to Quality Parish Councils?

- Yes No Indifferent

Comment:.....

2 Does your Council welcome the emphasis on "neighbourhood charters"?

- Yes No Indifferent We have one We would like one We will discuss Not interested

Comment:.....

3 Does your Council welcome the devolution of the power to create new parish or town councils (in areas not already parished) to district and unitary authorities following a review or in response to petitions from local communities, and the presumption in favour of setting up parish councils?

- Yes No Indifferent

Comment:.....

4 Would your Council welcome the broadening of the power of local authority reviews of parish arrangements to include consideration of "forms of community governance" other than parishes?

Yes No Indifferent

Comment.....
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5 Does your Council favour the provision for parish and town councils to adopt alternative names including "community", "village" or "neighbourhood"?

Yes No Indifferent

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6 Does your Council favour the exemption of larger parish or town councils from the "Best Value" regime?

Yes No Indifferent

Comment.....
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7 Does your Council welcome greater local management and ownership of community assets?

Yes No Indifferent

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8 Would your Council welcome a stronger legal framework to require local authorities and other "Best Value authorities" to secure participation of local citizens and communities when considering local ownership and management of community assets?

Yes No Indifferent

Comment:.....
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9 Does your Council have a view on the models of stronger leadership proposed by government?

Yes No Indifferent

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10 Does your Council support the idea of a "Community Call for Action"?

Yes No Indifferent

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11 Does your Council support the idea of small budgets for non-executive County or District Councillors?

Yes No Indifferent

Comment:.....
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12 Does your Council support some relaxation of the Code of Conduct to allow councillors to speak on local licensing and planning applications?

Yes No Indifferent

Comment:.....
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13 Does your Council support standard procedures for dealing with petitions?

Yes No Indifferent

Comment:.....
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14 Does your Council support the updating of the role of the Local Government Ombudsman in tackling complaints by specifically including partnerships within his remit and flaws in administration even where no injustice is found?

Yes No Indifferent

Comment:.....
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15 Does your Council support devolution of powers from central to local government for the making of byelaws (and more enforcement by fixed-penalty notices)?

Yes No Indifferent

Comment:.....
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16 Does your Council believe that the proposals on Local Strategic Partnerships, Sustainable Community Strategies and Local Area Agreements will produce meaningful consultation with your community?

Yes Possibly Unlikely No Do not know

Comment:.....
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