

## **How should we hold debates and make decisions**

Points raised during cafe conversation:

Training for Members on doing presentations and chairing meetings

Tackling apathy- people need to see real outcomes of meetings

Management of meetings are poor- only the vociferous contribute so must be a mechanism for those who don't want to verbalise their opinions.

First speaker rights at meetings to those who haven't spoken before.

Change format have themed meetings

Have informal social opportunities before meeting for people to meet Members

Meetings should be simpler and accessible to those with poor numeracy and literacy rates

Change and alternate venues- go to where people are such as day centres

Meetings are more for people in the know – must reach beyond this

Agendas need more explanation and background information on their sources

At the moment- people are too far away from the Assembly meeting as the Council Chamber is currently set up

Use incentives such as food for people to come along to meetings

Publicise meetings better through use of email groups and posters

Use innovative methods at meetings to involve people such as interactive voting buttons