

## **New working arrangements for Political Governance & Recovery**

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### **Full Council**

- Will remain in its present form subject to completion of the constitution
- The Constitution will be completed by September 2006

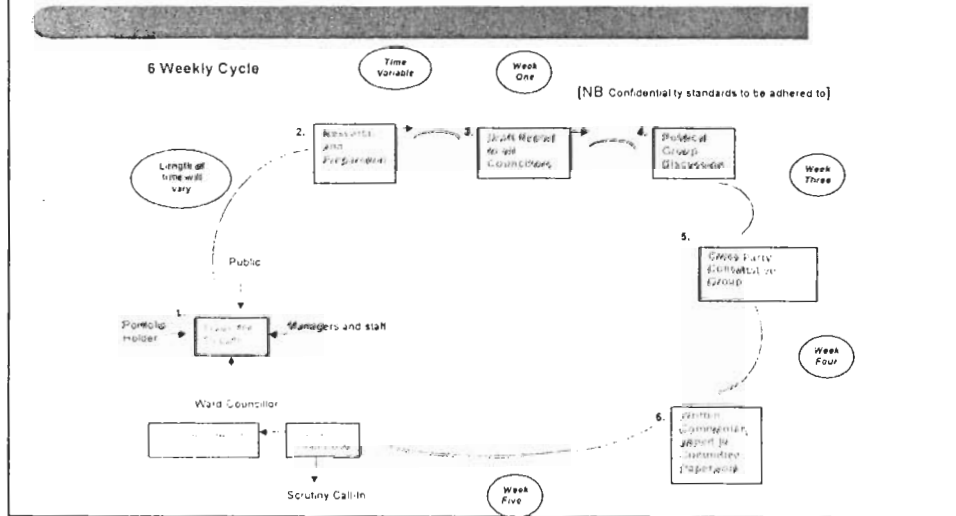
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### **Cabinet**

- All decision making functions of the administration will be undertaken by Cabinet and Portfolio Holders
- Cabinet will meet 6 weekly
- To ensure cross-party debate a new cross-party consultative group will be developed

## Consultation Process



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### Scrutiny

- Will continue in its current strengthened format
- Task and finish groups will continue

### Audit

- Will continue as at present

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### **Cross-party Leadership Briefings**

- A Group consisting of Group Leaders and Deputies or one consistent Councillor will meet fortnightly for briefing sessions with the Chief Executive and one Director

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### **Development, Performance & Improvement Panel**

- A group similar in membership to the former Improvement Board will meet 6 weekly to receive and monitor reports & provide advice and comment on
  - ❖ Councillor & Managerial Development
  - ❖ Performance Management (incl. BVPI's / Local PI's)
  - ❖ Recovery Plan Milestones
- Challenge will be provided by 3 external panel members
- Meetings will be open to all Councillors

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### **Quarterly Performance Reviews**

- Will be chaired by the Chief Executive and the Leader
- Will have cross-party input
- The Portfolio Holder, Director and Corporate Manager for each area will be held to account for agreed activity, especially in weakest areas
- Will report to the Development, Performance & Improvement Panel (DPIP) and Cabinet

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### **“20:20 Vision” Forum**

- Will provide strategic and community leadership to the vision and planning for Northampton's future
- Will meet quarterly and engage all relevant partners
- Will aspire to become a revitalised LSP
- Will make decisions in consultation with LAA “blocks”

**Councillors taking the lead in planning for the future.**

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### Budget Setting Process 2006/2007

- MTFS must be in place by the end of September 2006
- Councillors clear that we have to set a realistic and workable budget
- Public consultation to examine all options
- Negotiations to be held before budget meetings to reduce areas of dispute
- Absolute focus on weakest services
- Budgets to follow priorities

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### The “new” Meeting Cycle

- The Senior Leadership Team will meet weekly on a six week rota at these Fora
  - Cabinet
  - Leadership Briefing
  - Development Performance Improvement Panel
  - Consultation for Cabinet

i.e. Week 1 = Cabinet

Week 2 = Leadership Briefing

Week 3 = DPIP

Week 4 = Leadership Briefing;

Week 5 = Consultation Group

Week 6 = Leadership Briefing

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• Council Leadership will be supported by Senior Management & Portfolio Teams

Cabinet	Scrutiny	Audit	DPIP
Mairi McLean & David Taylor	Mario Abela	Clive Thomas	Mairi McLean
• All Corporate Managers	• Thomas Hall • Kay Atkinson	• Alison Betts • Dale Phillipson	• All Corporate Managers