



Top tips on how to support 21st Century community leaders

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Centre for Public Scrutiny – who are we:

- An independent charity – national centre of expertise in governance and scrutiny.
- Track record of supporting councils and other public and private sector bodies to improve their governance and scrutiny.
- Core beliefs – transparency, accountability and involvement.

What is government for?

‘where people come together... and no one gets left behind’





Why good governance is important:

- credibility of individuals
- credibility of organisations
- credibility of sectors



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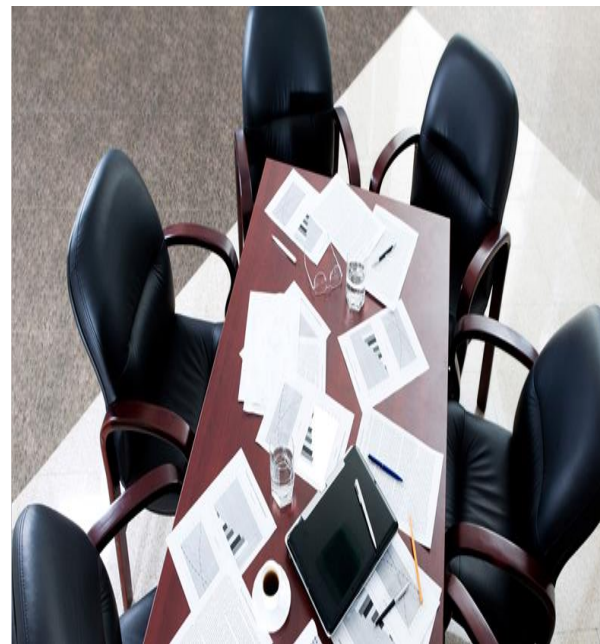
Is it also about
power:
the ability to
control people
and events





People power:

- Collaborate
- Co-design
- Discuss
- Share
- Innovate
- Argue
- Listen
- Be honest
- Join
- Let go



Decision-making in organisations:

1. Decision making and power are closely related.
2. Decision making in 'public' organisations tends to be complex, dynamic and characterised by intervention and disruption.
3. Accountability, transparency and involvement requires time and effort.
4. Involvement must be linked to governance and decision-making.

Oversight as well as decision-making:

“Wherever regeneration of social housing has been outsourced to private developers, responsiveness, transparency, oversight and scrutiny – key elements of healthy democracy – are lessened for those most directly affected”.

Post Grenfell, Guardian opinion piece

Top tips

1. See governance as enabler – delivering transparency, involvement and accountability. Power in rules.
2. Go beyond consultation – be the bridge between powerful people and the public.
3. Understand the system – constitution and ‘unconstitution’. Strategy and tactics.
4. Focus on the outcome – forget organisation, silo and professional
5. Be part of the ‘A team’ - help develop the vision, strategy and maximise your 21st Century skill base

Thank you

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