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*Living
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Foundation*



UN Development Programme

Recognises “local governance as the most accessible level of engagement with public authority.... Works with local authorities and civil society to involve communities in deciding on priorities for local development”





Current Global Interest in Local Governance

Many current examples including;

- Renewed interest in local councils in Australia and New Zealand (McKinlay, 2014)
- EU initiatives including LEADER Liaison Entre Actions de Developpement de l'Economie Rurale
- Activities of Spanish Municipalities in areas including street lighting and cemeteries





English Towns and Parishes

- More than 9,000 parishes and towns
- 80,000 councillors, and 25,000 officers
- Expenditure c. £1bn
- Representing 17 million people, 200 created in last decade, including in London
- Collectively, the nation's single most influential grouping of grassroots opinion-formers





Hampshire

- Seven Parished Districts
- 263 parishes
- 2,100 councillors
- Councils representing units from population of 150 to 30,000
- Currently around 20% contested elections
- Government policy is to support the parishing of England with technical and grant support





Hampshire ALC Governance

- President is Professor Gerry Stoker
- Each of seven parished districts has a local association
- Chairman is 'de facto' Director of Company and one of seven voting members on County Board – each district has four reps to Board
- Outside representatives to County Board include HCC, HIOW LGA and SLCC. Lucky currently to have Cllr Rob Humby.



Hampshire ALC Delivery Priorities

Service Brochure at

http://www.hampshirealc.org.uk/About_Us/About_Us.aspx

- Representation, and responses to consultations
- Partnerships with principal authorities
- Learning and development, best practice
- Member query services, 300 queries in 2016 1st quarter, LAIS briefings central
- HR and employment





Working with Hampshire CC

1. Partnership Framework in place since 2005.
It probably needs renewing for new times in local government?
2. Provision, update and upkeep of Parish contact database
3. Communications
4. Joint Projects





Ways of Working?

- Social business
- Always try to stay ahead of trends
- Provide value added service
- National exemplar in sector
- Drive admin out, flexible working
- Focus on service delivery
- A 'virtual' & knowledge organisation





Evidencing the Movement since 2010 (1)

- HCC Grant down from £91k to £70k at 76% of 2010/11 level.
- Parish Affiliation Fees up from £64 to £75k, up 17% in the same period
- Earned income from L&D and HR/employment support up from £22k to £53k; this has more than doubled, and is closing on membership and grants



Evidencing the Movement since 2010 (2)

- We listened, and continue to strive for sustainability
- HCC Grant in 10/11 was 49% of income, is now 29%
- In 2010 HCC Grant and Affiliation fees were 84% of income, now 61%
- Huge step-change in self-reliance, continuing to work closely with HCC as principal partner



Going Forward

- Massive challenges for Parishes in Localism, devolution and increased role as service providers
- Need for the ALC to continue philosophy of continuous improvement and inward investment, wider market than Hampshire
- Example: Transparency regulations and Hugo Fox websites





Contact

- Questions and comments welcomed?

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