

**Party Leaders Forum, 4th Nov 2011**

**The Role of the Forum**

- The forum will become the front end sounding board of any policy development or decision making process.
- The forum will establish the necessary process for engaging Members and Party Groups around policy matters
- Group discussions and development will need to be arranged accordingly, linked to group briefings - JH to support
- The Chief Executive is central to and should attend the formal element of meetings, inviting other relevant officers as necessary
- The January PLF session will be an away day
- The initial work programme will include the Investment package, the Diversity Strategy, Constitutional Review and a Review of Governance, together with emerging items from the current corporate programme - JH & Chief Exec to advise

**The Investment Package**

- The forum has agreed the following process and timeline-
- That the Masterplan, Corporate Plan and Place Shaping Package will continue through Council structures as at present
- That all projects will be appropriately costed with associated business plans developed
- The above to be concluded in readiness for discussion by PLF in Dec to Jan, where alternatives will be considered in line with affordability and Rate options
- There will be a range of stakeholder engagement events, culminating in a launch conference in Feb, to be joint with all Party Group Leaders
- A strategy of engagement with the Assembly Executive will be established, involving a corporate approach together with Party approaches.

**Diversity Policy**

- The PLF will meet together with the Historic Centenaries Committee
- They will establish a framework that will include the following
- Historic Centenaries - including exhibitions, civic dinner and grant support
- Use of Council facilities
- Flags
- Memorabilia
- Queen's Jubilee Celebrations
- Language Policy
- Street naming
- There will be a series of 6-8 meetings to conclude by March
- There would be value in external facilitation and input

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