

**Keith Mallett**

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**From:** maria humby <clerk@alderholtparishcouncil.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 25 November 2014 16:16  
**To:** Keith Mallett  
**Subject:** Consultation on cabinet style Governance

Dear Keith,

Please find below the response from Alderholt Parish Council to your letter on the Council's proposal to change from a Committee style Governance to a Cabinet model;

**Councillors do not object to nor support the proposals but would like the following comments to be considered when Council make a final decision;**

**Parish Councillors appreciate that a cabinet style governance will lead to greater efficiency but express concern that this is a weakening of the democratic process. The role of the Scrutiny Committee will be key to its success.**

Regards,

Maria

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**From:** Tracey Paine <clerk@colehill.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 27 November 2014 16:48  
**To:** Keith Mallett  
**Subject:** Consultation on proposal to change from Committee style governance to a cabinet model

Keith,

The Members of Colehill Parish Council have considered the proposal to change from committee style governance to a cabinet model and think that as the Council has never experienced a problem with the pace of decision making from EDDC they do not see any reason to change to a cabinet model.

Best regards,

Tracey Paine  
Clerk to the Council  
Colehill Parish Council

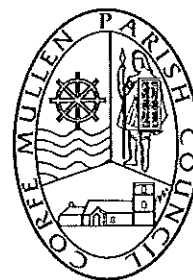
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26 November 2014

Dear Keith

## **Consultation on proposal to change from Committee style governance to a Cabinet model**

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the above. My Members have now discussed the idea and are against the change.

Members felt that the Cabinet model is undemocratic and less transparent than the Committee style. The Cabinet model would mean that less District Councillors would be involved in decision making. Having a smaller group making decisions would mean less debate and less opportunity to capture the talent of all elected members. Elected members not involved in the Cabinet would be out of touch with District Council policy and direction, and therefore less able to communicate this to their electors and take ownership of District Council decisions. It could also lead to a feeling of disenfranchisement among District Councillors.

My Members also felt that as both councils are working jointly, and Christchurch is considering staying with the committee system, that it would be preferable for East Dorset to do the same, so that both councils have the same governance style and officers work under the same system.

Yours sincerely

Katrina M Blee  
Parish Clerk

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**From:** Sally Fairchild <sally.fairchild@btinternet.com>  
**Sent:** 27 November 2014 17:14  
**To:** Keith Mallett  
**Subject:** Consultation on proposal to change from Committee style governance to a cabinet model

Dear Keith

Thank you for your letter of 30th October 2014 re the above.

The only comment that the parish council came back with was it should be made up of multi-party.

Hope this is satisfactory.

Regards  
Sally.

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Sally Fairchild  
Parish Clerk  
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## **GUSSAGE ST MICHAEL PARISH MEETING**

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Mr K Mallett  
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28<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Dear Mr Mallett

### **EDDC Governance Consultation**

The Committee of the Gussage St Michael Parish Meeting has considered the issues relating to the change of governance for the District Council and would like to express strong support for moving to a Cabinet model.

The Committee considers that this will lead to speedier decision making and more open accountability. Cabinet Members will have meaningful decision-making powers and the public will be more aware of their responsibilities. This should increase public interest in the work of the District Council and help members of the public to have more confidence in the operation of the democratic process at a local level.

Yours sincerely

Rosemary Tong

Clerk to the Parish Meeting

## Keith Mallett

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**From:** Krystyna Bradbury [REDACTED] on behalf of Krystyna Bradbury <vapc01@gotadsl.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 19 November 2014 09:01  
**To:** Keith Mallett  
**Subject:** Changes to Governance at EDDC

Dear Keith

The Vale of Allen Parish Council welcomes the change to a cabinet style structure of Governance at EDDC as this will definitely speed up the decision making and improve efficiency.

Regards  
Krystyna



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12<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Dear Keith,

**Consultation on proposal to change from Committee style governance to a Cabinet model.**

Thank you for your letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> October regarding the above.

I have been instructed to write that the Town Council have no objections to the Council changing from Committee style governance to a Cabinet. They hope that this will give a greater accountability to the public, reduce time in making decisions and lead to greater clarity especially when working with Town and Parish Councils.

Yours sincerely

Town Clerk



# West Moors Parish Council

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*Emailed to KM .*

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Dear Keith

## **Consultation on proposal to change from Committee style governance to a Cabinet model**

Members of West Moors Parish Council have considered the above proposal along with the background documents and wish to submit the following comments.

- There is concern that the leader of the council appoints the cabinet and that a significant amount of power is confined to a smaller number of councillors.
- The current committee system is seen as more open and allows for more members to be involved in the decision making process, but the Parish Council does understand that a cabinet model could produce a quicker decision making process.
- There is concern that some meetings may not be held in public and that key decisions may be made behind closed doors.
- As this would be a constitutional change for East Dorset District Council, West Moors Parish Council feel that the wider public should be consulted in this matter before any decision is made.
- The background documents do not quantify the savings or advantages that changing to a cabinet model may produce.
- Evidence from other councils with cabinet models is not seen as encouraging.

Therefore the members of West Moors Parish Council do not support a change from the current committee system to a cabinet model of governance.

Yours sincerely

Judi Weedon  
Clerk to the Council



## Keith Mallett

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**From:** West Parley PC Clerk <wppc\_clerk@talktalk.net>  
**Sent:** 02 December 2014 14:31  
**To:** Keith Mallett  
**Subject:** Consultation on proposal to change from committee style governance to a cabinet model

Good afternoon Keith,

The Parish Council discussed this at the meeting held on 19th November and have no opposition to the proposed plan for the change to the cabinet model.

However, would like to recommend that if the change goes ahead, that a review is undertaken after a period of time.

Please accept my apologies for the late reply, I noted down that I had until 15th December to reply, and it is only now that I realise the deadline was in fact 27th with the matter being debated on 15th.

Kind Regards  
Linda

Clerk to West Parley Parish Council