



Kirklees Democracy Commission – progressing our recommendations



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Growing a stronger local democracy

- 48 Recommendations about our local democracy
- Agreed by Council in November 2017
- Cross Party Working Group established to oversee our practical work



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Our work (so far)

We have:

- Agreed our terms of reference.
- Worked in public and shared everything via our Democracy Commission website.
- Identified the priority recommendations to focus on.
- Commissioned projects to deliver those recommendations.

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Projects we are working on

- Putting councillors at the heart of the organisation.
- The changing councillor role and how it is supported.
- A new citizen engagement framework.



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Projects we are working on

- Improving electoral registration.
- Developing digital skills, confidence and content for civic good.
- Regional devolution – supporting citizens and councillors.



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Projects we are working on

- Opening up our meetings.
- Civic pathways for young people.
- Democratic content and public awareness.



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Some observations

- A good example of cross party working.
- We must continue to engage citizens in our work.
- We're growing long term change – we know this will take time.
- Look at our work and get involved.

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