

Policy and Performance Review Network

The Steering Group

The Steering Group is convened from volunteers (currently 5 representatives - Basingstoke - Janice Brill; Havant - Andy Rudd; Rushmoor - Bill Cooke; New Forest - Dottie Dabrowska; Test Valley - Roger Smith).

Its main roles to date have been:

- to agree the agenda for each meeting
- to arrange guest speakers and / or presentations
- to keep abreast of current topics and change, to inform the agenda

It usually meets once before each meeting, with a representative from the next host authority, to make the necessary arrangements. This usually means three or four meetings a year.

Up until now the Steering Group has operated on a fairly informal basis. There is no Chair, or Secretary - these roles are usually adopted by the host authority at the actual PPRN meeting, so sharing the load. If there are particular arrangements to be made (i.e. inviting speakers), these are usually shared amongst the Steering Group members. The resulting workload is minimal.

There are some decisions to be made in terms of moving forward:

- Should there be a formally appointed Chair of the PPRN?
- Should there be a formally appointed Secretary, who could act as the main point of information, and keep the contact list up-to-date?
- Should PPRN have an overall objective/aim/vision of what the group hopes to achieve?
- Should the Group develop a forward plan in terms of a meeting programme - when, where and what? If so, what do you want the focus to be?
- How should the PPRN relate to other groups? - i.e. the Policy Network, the Southern Performance and Improvement Network, Hants and Isle of Wight Local Authority Group
- How do you want to be communicated with? What do you think of a web portal for sharing info?
- Who is going to be on it? Both Roger and Bill are lucky enough to be retiring in the not too distant future, and have kindly made significant contributions to the PPRN over the years - this will be missed - anyone feel up to stepping into their shoes?