



Engagement and Participation Working Group - Report for council meeting

During a meeting of the Engagement and Participation Working group on 20th October various items were discussed

1. Inspire magazine

1. Thanks were expressed to Kate for taking on the role of Editor and for the subsequent very successful issues.
 2. An Editorial policy document was perused and is being put forward for full Council approval. (Attached)
 3. As the distribution team is now under the “umbrella” of the Parish council it was decided to issue each distributor with a “Keeping you safe “ document. (Attached for your information.)
 4. It was agreed that the Inspire magazine would remain very much as it always has been until March 2026 (there is joint funding with the PCC until then). No major changes are anticipated after March but all Religious Groups operating within the Civil Parish will then have their details included should they so wish.
 5. Kate will continue to encourage all local groups to input into the magazine, the hope being that eventually all activities within the civil parish will be included.
 6. To include within the magazine such information that is thought to be useful to residents.
2. **Councillor vacancy** - the vacancy for a Derry Hill and Studley ward councillor - for co-option. Notices will be included in Inspire and on Social media and all councillors will be encouraged to spread the word.
 3. **Future Events and the Community Group** - After discussion the Engagement and Participation Working group recommend creating closer ties with the Community Group. To that effect a meeting was held between representatives from both parties on November 3rd and feedback from that meeting has been provided in other agenda items of this meeting.

Recommendation: That Council approve the Editorial Policy Document for Inspire Magazine.