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**Westerham Town
Council**



Westerham -the context

- 4,500 residents
- Kent/Surrey/London Borough of Bromley borders
- Economy: tourism, retail, small industrial
- One primary school: no secondary school
- Issues:
 - Traffic, transport
 - The young: the older generation
 - ‘The two Westerhams’



Listening to Westerham



Protecting the services important to Westerham

Working with others.....

- For children:
 - Children's Centre;
School Council;
democracy for the
young
- For young people:
 - Youth Shelter; Youth
Club
- For those in need:
 - Food Bank
- For the town:
 - Its unique character
 - Balancing needed
development with
Green Belt and AONB



Growing Council capability

Meeting the demands of the future....

- Changing competences: Councillors and staff
- Training; learning from others
- How to do more with less – or find more.....



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It's not an individual game....

'Councillors have different backgrounds, enthusiasms and interests..... . Councillors have different skills and attitudes;The local council needs a range of skills to work as a team'.

The Good Councillor Guide 2016

...and our officers are an integral part of that team.

