

THE BRIEFING

For members of the Public Sector Management Network
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Public Sector Management Network

Dear Networkers,

As we continue to develop the Public Services Management Network we have taken on board feedback from our members in looking at the next three years.

From 1st November 2005 we will no longer charge an annual fee for membership of the PSMN. After this edition of The Briefing we will be sending out all information from the PSMN and its partnering organisations in electronic format.

It is essential that we have your e-mail address, these can be forwarded to Warren Tonks at warrentonks@hotmail.com

Please feel free to pass on this information to other relevant colleagues in your organisation who may benefit from accessing information from the PSMN.

We would like to welcome on board to the PSMN partner groups The Times Public Agenda team. At a recent meeting with members of their senior management team, they have agreed to support the PSMN and key events such as Top Team 2006.

We would also like to thank the recent sponsorship from Norman Broadbent International which has assisted us in moving the PSMN forward over the next few years.

Noorzaman Rashid
Chair of the Management Network

POLICY NET *Community Planning*

What is Policy Net Community Development?

Policy Community Development is one of a series of national action learning sets established by the *Public Services Management Network* for senior managers. It started in autumn 1999 and its participants have now completed the sixth series of meetings. At least nine of the existing participants want to extend and continue the net in a slightly revised format. There may therefore be places for up to another two people on the programme.

Purpose

- * Share best practice and develop thinking on current and future policy issues relevant to member authorities by utilising the knowledge, experience and work being undertaken by member authorities represented in the group.
- * Develop participating senior managers capability to network across authorities more effectively, sharing up to date information and exchange innovative ideas on a more regular basis.
- * Contribute to the development of participating senior managers through their exposure to other leading managers and involvement in relevant projects.

Who should join the extension to Policy Net Community Development?

- * Senior Managers involved with community planning and interested in developing their capability to network across a wide range of councils to address issues of policy and practice.
- * Senior Managers who want to share leading edge ideas on local government issues with open minded people in a challenging and exciting environment.

Participating senior managers should have significant understanding and/or experience of the issues facing local government today and in the future.

How will the extension to Policy Community Development Work?

The extension will continue to be facilitated by Danny Chesterman, Danny is an independent consultant specialising in leadership development and whole system change in public service. As a Senior Associate with Demos, the influential independent think tank, he published *Local authority? How to develop leadership for better public services*.

He directs in house leadership development programmes via SOLACE (the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers), and co-directs with the Civil Service College courses on collaborative working. He was recently commissioned by the Civil Service College and NCVO to produce an 'e' learning curriculum to support partnership working, now available on www.OurPartnership.org.uk.

Danny has coaching clients in public and voluntary sectors and is currently leading a team from Bath Consultancy Group advising the Welsh Assembly Government on the Public Service Management Wales. He has a particular interest in inter agency learning, facilitating several action learning sets for Chief Executives and Directors across the

public sector, and has worked with Local Strategic Partnerships in Kensington and Chelsea, Maidstone, and West Sussex.

The Programme

This will be developed with the participants, but candidates for attention and some external input include how to work with Health on Community Planning issues, learning from the next round of Local Area Agreements; and on the way schools are beginning to engage with the wider community building agenda.

At some of the meetings guest speakers will be asked to make presentations to the group which will generate the key topics for discussion at that relevant meeting.

How do we get involved, what does it cost?

To join the extension to Policy Net Community Development you will have to complete the attached application form and return it to the Public Services Management Network. ***The first meeting of the new series will be held in early 2006 in Central London.*** A written confirmation will be sent to you indicating whether or not your application has been accepted. Acceptance of membership will be based on creating a balanced in terms of experience, type of authority, gender and race.

Membership of the Policy Net Five extension costs £160 per session (£480 in total).

Membership is based on attendance at all 3 sessions (substitutes are allowed). The fee will cover the cost of administration, catering and management of the Group over a 9 month period.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BRIEFING

If you would like to forward any articles, diary dates or requests for information, then please forward to: warrentonks@hotmail.com

You can also access the Networks website at www.psmn.org.uk