Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
7th December 2011

TITLE	**Feedback from informal meetings of the Governors**
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	The proposals set out in the Lead Governor's paper of 4th November, 2011 for improving the ability of the Governors to hold the Board to account and to engage with their constituents/stakeholders were discussed between the Lead Governor, the Chairman and the Chief Executive at a meeting on 23rd November, 2011. The following summarises the main points agreed: • There would be half-yearly meetings between the Board and the Council at strategically important times of the year to discuss expected developments over the coming six months; • There would be quarterly informal Governors' meetings timed to enable items to be put on the agenda for the next Council meeting; • Governors would first meet in private to discuss Council papers prior to a Council Meeting; • There would be more engagement with the membership and the Board would make this a priority in the coming year; in addition there would be more engagement between the Council and the Non-executive Directors; • The "Buddy" system between Governors and Directors would be reinstated but the scheme would be broadened to include the Non-executive Directors.
The Council is asked to:	Note the above.
Submitted by:	David Frank Lead Governor
Date:	23rd November 2011
Decision:	For Noting