

Decision Making

It is important that Committees make good quality decisions. Here are some principles that might be of interest or use.

1. Sufficient effort should be made to ascertain the relevant facts.
2. Decisions should be based on the facts.
3. Decisions should be open, balanced and reasonable. Avoid adopting a stance and then defending it.
4. Decisions should be based on rationality not emotion. The emotional temperature around a decision should be kept as low as possible.
5. The decision should be based on what is best for the club and not on any committee members personal preferences.

Being on the Committee is not about personal power (which is vain and egotistical) but is about the collective discharge of responsibility.

It is the responsibility of committee members to challenge any decisions, actions or opinions of other committee members if they think they might not be appropriate. Committee members should accept and handle such challenges in a professional and unemotional way.