Give every perspective a seat

A council brief for a considered decision

Small Council

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Abstract

An illustrative brief demonstrating the Small Council document system. The advisors, question, recommendations, and records are fictional.

Start with a clear question

Small Council brings AI advisors into individual conversations and council meetings. Spaces organize related work and saved context. Agreement between advisors is not evidence that a claim is correct.

This fictional council considers a community workshop before a longer course. It illustrates useful questions, not approval for a real project.

Illustrative example. AI advisors offer perspectives. The person reviewing them checks the evidence and decides what to do.

Frame the decision

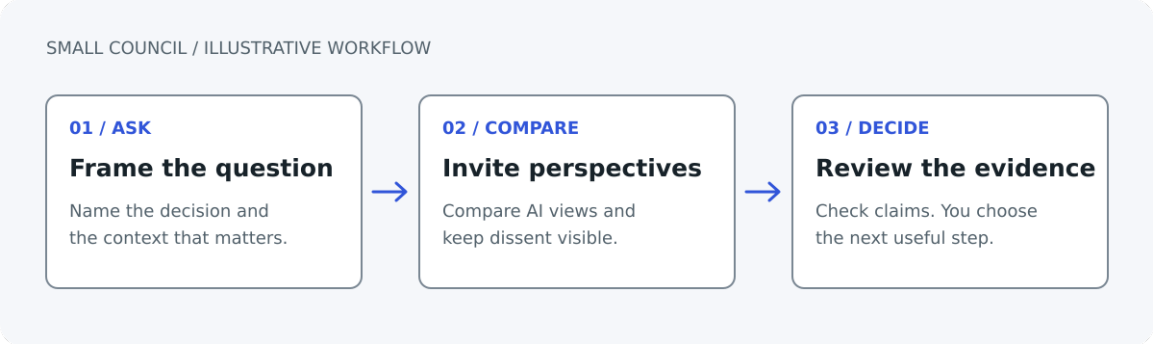


Figure 1: Illustrative council workflow: frame a question, invite perspectives, and review the evidence before deciding.

The question is: “What would we learn from a two-hour pilot workshop?” The context includes a proposed topic, an invitation list, and preparation time.

Keep the constraints visible

Name the time, audience, and decision. Distinguish user-supplied facts from assumptions introduced during discussion.

Choose the conversation mode

Use open discussion to invite advisors, brainstorming to explore, or consensus to work toward agreement. Preserve open questions and dissent.

Compare the perspectives

These advisor roles are illustrative, not built-in personas or a limit on participation.

Table 1: Fictional council participants

AI advisor	Perspective	Question to examine
Strategist	Desired outcome	What decision will the pilot inform?
Critic	Assumptions and risk	What result would change our plan?
Explorer	Alternative approaches	Could an interview answer this sooner?

Record agreement and dissent

The advisors favor learning before investing in a full course. They disagree about whether a workshop or a short interview is the better first step. This difference should remain visible in the review.[1]

Keep context reviewable

Save only context worth returning to. A useful memory states its source and purpose and can be reviewed, corrected, or removed using the application's available controls. Do not treat an inferred note as a confirmed fact.

Make the next step explicit

1. Confirm the decision the pilot should inform.
2. Check the assumptions about the audience.
3. Compare a workshop with shorter alternatives.
4. Preserve the unresolved concern about preparation time.
5. Decide what evidence to gather next.

Example record

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Space: Workshop exploration (fictional)
Question: What would we learn from a short pilot?
Agreement: Learn before investing in a longer course
Dissent: Interview first, or run a workshop?
Next step: Ask prospective participants about their needs
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More perspectives can expose a better question. The user still decides.

[1] A summary, a recommendation, and explicit agreement are different things. This document illustrates a review pattern; it does not assert that every field is already implemented in the application.