The question up for discussion is...?

We need to decide...?

The group has been asked to look at...?

To begin with...?

Why don’t we start by...?

I see what you mean but...

I am not sure I agree because...

An alternative view would be...

I see your point but it’s also true that...
Could I ask...?

Encouraging others/asking questions

What do you think _____?

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Does anyone agree or disagree with that point?

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Have we gone into enough detail?

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Would anyone like to comment on that?

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Any other ideas?

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Let's make sure we hear from everyone.

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I wonder if...?

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What would you recommend?

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I think we should move on to the next point.

We have other areas to consider

Could we move on to considering...?

Why don't we move on and come back to this if necessary?

I think one of the key points is . . .

In my opinion . . .

It seems to me . . .

I feel that . . .
For example/for instance...

Because...

This is due to...

What I mean by this is...

My evidence for this is...

My reasons are...
I’d like to add to that by saying...

Just to build on _________’s point

Another example is...

I think there are a few key ideas.

Here’s where I think we are

Do you agree that the main points are...?

In other words are you saying that...?

Just to be clear, do you mean it is......?

Am I right in understanding that....?