

Governance Survey Raw Data (results) (002)

ID	Start time	Does the Governance Committee have written terms of reference that are approved by the council and reviewed periodically?	Has the Governance Committee been provided with sufficient membership, authority and resources to perform its role effectively and independently?	Additional comments / action2	Does the Governance Committee make a formal annual report on its work and performance during the year to Full Council?	Has the Governance Committee Chair either previous knowledge of, or received appropriate training on, financial and risk management, accounting concepts and standards, and the regulatory regime?	Additional comments / action4	When you joined the Governance Committee were you provided with appropriate induction training?	Additional comments / action5	Have all Members' skills and experiences been assessed and training given for identified gaps?	Additional comments / action6
1	4/15/21 15:45:40	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes		No	
2	5/10/21 10:29:08	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes		No	
3	5/10/21 15:29:56	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes		Don't know	
4	5/11/21 8:41:57	Yes	Yes		Yes	Don't know	Had to put this answer as I actually have not been specifically told the Chair has but one would assume so.	Yes		Don't know	Again - can't comment as answer not known
5	5/14/21 13:03:36	Yes	Don't know	I would like to see further training for committee members	Yes	Don't know		Yes		No	
6	5/14/21 13:21:01	Yes	Yes		Yes	Don't know		No	I have nothing to compare it with (KJ-selected No as answer compulsory - and nothing ticked on form)	Yes	I presume so (KJ-selected Yes as answer compulsory - and nothing ticked on form)
7	5/17/21 20:41:47	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes		Don't know	

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ID	Does each Member declare their business interests at each Committee meeting?	Additional comments / action7	Are Members sufficiently independent of the Council's other key Committees?	Additional comments / action8	Are members attending meetings on a regular basis and, if not, is appropriate action taken?	Additional comments / action9	Are meetings free and open without political influences being displayed?	Does the authority's Section 151 officer or deputy attend all meetings?	Does the Governance Committee consider how meaningful the Annual Governance Statement is?	Additional comments / action12	Does the Governance Committee satisfy itself that the system of internal control has operated effectively throughout the reporting period?
1	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes			Yes
2	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes			Yes
3	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes			Yes
4	No	Only if it's relevant to a specific agenda item	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	No	Not at every meeting	Yes
5	Yes	I would hope so	No	How to distinguish? If a discipline matter comes up about an officer?	No	If a member is not attending it should be asked why? maybe additional support required or replace?	Yes	Yes	No		No
6	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes			Yes
7	No		Don't know		Yes		Yes	Yes			Yes

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ID	Does the Governance Committee review management's Letter of Representation?	Does the Governance Committee have a mechanism to keep it aware of topical legal and regulatory issues, for example by receiving circulars and through training?	Additional comments / action23	Does the Governance Committee approve, annually and in detail, the internal Governance strategic and annual plans including consideration of whether the scope of internal Governance work addresses...	Does the Governance Committee receive periodic reports from the Internal Audit Service, including an annual report from the Head of Internal Audit?	Are follow-up audits by internal audit monitored by the Governance Committee and does the Committee consider the adequacy of implementation of recommendations?	Additional comments / action26	Is there appropriate co-operation between the internal and external Auditors?	Additional comments / action27	Are internal Audit performance measures monitored by the Governance Committee?	Has the Governance Committee considered the information it wishes to receive from internal audit?
1	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes
2	Don't know	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes
3	Don't know	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes
4	Yes	Yes	Circulars received include those issued by outside dept's and bodies such as the LGA - not wholly reliant on NDC Officers	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Having just come back onto this committee I would assume that the level of cooperation between the two - given there was a change from when I was last on the committee last year - has been maintained	Yes	Yes
5	Yes	No		Yes	Yes	No	as internal audit has just need done, too early to say	Don't know	don't know how to monitor	No	Yes
6	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes
7	Don't know	Don't know		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes

ID	Please give details of any strategic or wide-ranging issues which the Governance Committee should consider.	How do you think the Committee could tackle the problems?	How do you feel the Governance Committee has made a difference (to any issues)?	Are there any areas in which you believe the Committee has failed to deliver?	How could this have been resolved or improved?	How would you improve the Committee and its work?
1	The effectiveness of committee structure 2 years on?		Ensuring effective challenge and oversight of decisions.			
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4	Coming out of lockdown I think the Council needs to consider it's ongoing external revenue streams to prepare itself for possible further cuts from central gov't. Further opportunities needs to be explored. I'd also suggest that the system of Cllr grants is reviewed in so far as follow up on how monies awarded have been used by recipients. I'd also go further on this subject and say that Cllrs should be encouraged to only give grants in the majority of cases if it's on a match funding basis. My overview is that too many recipients are wholly reliant on receiving annual grants.	As previously	It operates within its remit so the answer is yes, it does make a difference - sometimes only small (but nevertheless important) across many areas.	No		From my time on the Committee I believe it operated effectively with members co-operating well without the shadow of political allegiances sneaking in.
5	challenge and help develop proposals on strategy	allocate each member with an area of interest and rigorous evaluation of their performance by peers	to be frank i feel it is very much in the background and although willing to take part in strategic objectives, it needs to determine how far it is willing to take on those risks and at the same time maintain sound risk management policies that allow the council to take on new challenges.	arrangements for corporate reporting, analysis of risk applied to projects, and possible relations with other committees.	by making recommendations to other committees without fear of offence?	Independent board member. Be more entrepreneurial within realistic boundaries. Ensure the council can afford projects and a full option appraisal which is unbiased and the best interest of the council. Regular report from the Chair to update and inform new and existing members.
6			given an impetus to services to complete reports and policies	no		n/a
7				Scrutiny of staffing matters which have failed to have been dealt with satisfactorily by chief executive. Matters reported to chair of governance should be investigated.	Dedicated mechanisms for governance to step in where escalation of matters to the chief executive have failed to be satisfactorily addressed	