
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2024

Present: Councillors Rayment (Chair), Mrs Blatchford, Cooper, Gravatt, Harwood, Leggett and McCreanor

Apologies: Councillor Denness

8. **APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

The Committee noted the apologies of Councillor Denness and the appointment of Councillor Leggett as representative for the purposes of the meeting.

9. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes for the Committee meeting on 23 September 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

10. **IMPROVEMENT BOARD**

The Committee received the report of report of the Chair of the Improvement Board.

RESOLVED:

That to enable consideration of all appropriate information at the same time, consideration of the Improvement Board report should be deferred until after receipt of the Grant Thornton report.

11. **HOUSING VOIDS PROGRESS REPORT**

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Housing Operations, the Committee approved the following:

- (i) Members noted the report to the Governance Committee on the progress being made to improve Void performance.
- (ii) Members accepted and endorsed the Voids Improvement Plan.
- (iii) The Committee supported the redefined classifications of the Voids.
- (iv) The Committee recommended that Internal Audit carry out a follow up review in 2025/26.
- (v) The Committee noted the need for performance metrics to be improved and recommended that work be done in consultation with the Cabinet Member to gain a better understanding of priority order.

12. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC - EXEMPT INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

The Committee chair moved that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the

Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the exempt Appendices to the following Item.

Appendix 1, 2 and 3 to the report were confidential in accordance with paragraph number 7(A) of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution as they contain information about Council contracts and contractors which were deemed to be confidential and commercially sensitive.

13. **STRATEGIC CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Contracting and Procurement & Director of Commissioning.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To note the information related to the Council's Strategic Contracts attached as Appendix 1 and 2 which related to the period April 2023 to March 2024.
- (ii) To note the Strategic Procurement Activity planned for and being undertaken as set out in Appendix 3 to the report.