

Nottingham City Council

Companies Governance Executive Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at Loxley House, Station Street, NG2 3NG, on 21 January 2020 from 2.30 pm - 3.02 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Sally Longford (Vice Chair)
Councillor David Mellen (Chair)
Councillor Adele Williams
Councillor Linda Woodings
Councillor Cheryl Barnard (substitute for Councillor Webster)

Absent

Councillor Sam Webster

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Candida Brudenell - Corporate Director of Strategy and Resources
Ian Curryer - Chief Executive
Mark Leavesley - Governance Officer
Laura Pattman - Strategic Finance Director
Shail Shah - Head of Audit and Risk
Malcolm Townroe - Director of Legal and Governance
Ceri Walters - Head of Commercial Finance

Call-in

Unless stated otherwise, all decisions are subject to call-in. Last date for call-in is 31 January 2020. Decisions cannot be implemented until the working day after this date.

1 Appointment of Vice-Chair

Resolved to appoint Councillor Longford as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the 2019-20 municipal year.

2 Apologies for absence

Councillor Webster - leave

3 Declarations of Interests

In the interest of transparency, the following declarations were made in relation to item 4, 'Companies Governance' (minute 4):

	Company associated with:
Councillor Barnard	- Robin Hood Energy
Councillor Longford	- Enviroenergy
Councillor Mellen	- Blueprint
Councillor Williams	- Blueprint, Thomas Bow
Councillor Woodings	- Nottingham City Homes
Malcolm Townroe	- Enviroenergy

4 Companies Governance

This item does not contain any decisions eligible for call-in.

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director of Strategy and Resources, detailing the new arrangements in relation to governance of companies that Nottingham City Council wholly own or have a controlling interest.

During discussion the following comments were made:

- a) any commissioned work involving companies should be reported to this Committee in a timely manner, as should a business case for any proposed new company involvement by the Council;
- b) companies need to work closer together to help prevent issues arising, possibly including an annual companies conference;
- c) any training for Councillor Directors should also be available to relevant officers.

Resolved to note the report and the terms of reference for this Sub-Committee.

Reason for decision:

To formalise future arrangements for the governance of companies either wholly owned by the Council or where the Council has a controlling interest.

Other options considered:

None.

5 Future meetings

The Sub-Committee agreed to meet normally on a bi-monthly basis at 2.15pm or the rising of Executive Board (whichever is the later), subject to any additional meetings at the request of the Chair.

Therefore, it was noted that the next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday 17 March 2020.