

**Companies Governance Executive Sub-Committee
22 September 2020**

Subject:	Public Interest Report – Response Progress Update		
Corporate Director(s)/ Director(s):	Malcolm R. Townroe – Director of Legal and Governance		
Portfolio Holder(s):			
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Other colleagues who have provided input:			
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Subject to call-in
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Reasons: <input type="checkbox"/> Expenditure <input type="checkbox"/> Income <input type="checkbox"/> Savings of £1,000,000 or more taking account of the overall impact of the decision			<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital
Significant impact on communities living or working in two or more wards in the City			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Total value of the decision: Nil			
Wards affected: All	Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s):		
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:			
Nottingham People			<input type="checkbox"/>
Living in Nottingham			<input type="checkbox"/>
Growing Nottingham			<input type="checkbox"/>
Respect for Nottingham			<input type="checkbox"/>
Serving Nottingham Better			<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users): To provide members with an update on progress in respect of the Council's response to the Report in the Public Interest issued by the external auditor relating to the Council's governance arrangements for Robin Hood Energy.			
Exempt information: None			

Recommendation(s):	
1	That the sub-committee notes the contents of the agreed Action Plan, attached as Appendix 1.
2	That the sub-committee requests that regular feedback be provided on progress against the Action Plan, developed in response to the Report in the Public Interest, insofar as those elements directly fall within this sub-committee's remit.
3	That the sub-committee notes and accepts the verbal update provided to this meeting.

1 Reasons for recommendations

1.1 At the extraordinary meeting of full Council on 27 August 2020, the Council resolved to accept the Report in the Public Interest issued by the external auditor, in respect of its governance arrangements for Robin Hood Energy, and all of the recommendations set out in it from R1 to R13.

1.2 The Council also agreed an Action Plan in response to those recommendations, as attached as Appendix 1, some of which fall within the purview of this sub-committee.

1.3 In order to ensure that there is good progress in delivering the individual elements of the Action Plan, a regular report will be brought to this sub-committee to inform members on progress in respect of those elements which directly affect Council-owned companies.

2 Background (including outcomes of consultation)

2.1 The Action Plan agreed in response to the Report in the Public Interest contains 13 recommendations arising from the Report itself, and 3 further recommendations that have been added by the Council. The purpose of this report is to enable the sub-committee to receive an up to date progress report in respect of those elements of the Action Plan which fall within its remit.

3 Other options considered in making recommendations

3.1 None.

4 Finance colleague comments (including implications and value for money/VAT)

4.1 As this is an update report, there are no financial implications arising directly from its contents.

5 Legal and Procurement colleague comments (including risk management issues, and including legal, Crime and Disorder Act and procurement implications)

5.1 Any legal issues arising out of this report are either covered in the body of the report, or will be provided verbally at the meeting.

6 Social value considerations

6.1 Not applicable.

7 Regard to the NHS Constitution

7.1 Not applicable.

8 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 An EIA is not required because the update report contains no new or changing policies.

9 List of background papers relied upon in writing this report (not including published documents or confidential or exempt information)

9.1 None

10 Published documents referred to in this report

Report in the Public Interest dated August 2020

Action Plan issued in response to the Report in the Public Interest dated August 2020