

APPENDIX F

Extraordinary Council – 8 May 2018

Ad Hoc Governance Committee – 30 April 2018 - Comments

The following comments were made at the Ad Hoc Governance Committee held on 30 April 2018 on the governance review proposals :-

No	Comment	Response (where required)
1.	How would the Chair of the Town and Place Partnership work	The partnership needs broad appeal with the involvement of a wide range of stakeholders to maximise impact. The Council will play a key role through influence rather than direct control. It is felt that the Chair of the partnership should be from the private sector, to act as an ambassador for Melton as this would increase credibility regionally and nationally.
2.	The words ‘policy, delivery, performance including complaints’ were part of the terms of reference of each policy committee	This would ensure that the relevant Committee would not only be responsible for making policy and delivering services but also receive regular reports on performance within their remit and this would include complaints as this is part of performance feedback. There would still be a periodic check by the Governance Committee to ensure that trends were picked up and this Committee would provide an independent check and overview of complaints at least on an annual basis Also not only would performance be reported to Committees formally but also to all Members via the soon to be expanded Members’ Bulletin.
3.	With regard to the Review of the Constitution 2017/18 items at Appendix D, item 6 referred to the MEEA Committee	As a consequence of Full Council’s approval of the governance review, the Monitoring Officer had delegated authority to make minor procedural and operational changes and this type of amendment would be necessary throughout the Constitution where such committee name changes were required.
4.	Where there was a Chair of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP), would this appointment automatically be the Chair of the relevant Committee and this follow through with other chairing roles	To ensure understanding of the people agenda it would make sense the lead for the CSP would be the People Committee Chair. Whilst there is a presumption that the chairs should take certain roles, the report includes an element of discretion,

		enabling the ruling group to consider practicalities or other issues and confirm their own appointments. The Governance Development Group felt that wherever possible the default position should be the Chair of the relevant Committee so that they were part of the wider community agenda and were able to develop the overall knowledge within their Committee's remit to help inform policy direction etc.
5.	What would happen to the work of the Performance Management and Information Task Group. Members had been impressed by the quality of the information received at the Task Group but understood it had not been widely shared	This Task Group would not be reconstituted. Currently the Council did not publicise its performance and it should be publicly accountable and transparent in this area. Therefore the host Committees will receive quarterly reports and there will be informal briefings in the Members' Bulletin. Over the last six months, Officers had been working on specific scorecards; one for the place and one for the organisation. These will be retained.
6.	The Melton Local Plan Working Group was showing on the structure as reporting to Full Council however it was also included as reporting to the Place Committee	It was intended to retain the Melton Local Plan Working Group until the Local Plan had been approved. After that the group would be disbanded and reporting on planning policy would be to the Place Committee.
7.	Wheels to work – why was this in the Place Committee when it should be in People	This was due to the senior management reporting structure and it was acknowledged that the work straddled both People and Place Committees.
8.	What is the reason for highlighting a change relating to the Licensing resources	This was for clarification on where the financial and policy areas of licensing were placed.
9.	There was a concern at there being less business at Committees and how would the public know that Councillors were making decisions	The Committees would deal with all the business within their remit. Important and high profile decisions would attract communications with the media. Members would be kept informed via the Members' Bulletin.
10.	Members were reminded of the Members' Briefing on the governance proposals to be held on Thursday 3 May at 5.30 p.m.	

