

Cabinet Committee – Group Company Governance

Membership and Terms of Reference

This Cabinet Committee will be established by the Cabinet with the following membership:

- The Deputy Leader
- Another Cabinet Member as deemed appropriate by the Deputy Leader
- To include non-executive directors from the wider business community (no voting).

The Membership of the Committee shall be based on cross party representation.

The quorum for the Committee shall be determined by the Committee and this must include a Cabinet Member and a member of the Opposition.

The role of the Committee is to ensure that the Council's strategic objectives are met across the group and to support the development of the group in line with the Council's regulations and ambitions.

The Committee's responsibilities include:

- Holding entity Boards to account for their performance with the necessary powers to make and drive immediate change through the Boards;
- Supporting the development of entities and making decisions on the disposal/dissolution of companies (below Cabinet limit on value) and matters such as varying Articles of Association, varying ownership and structure and varying share rights;
- Identification of entities' business support requirements;
- Provides subsidiaries with clear direction and support in its role as sole shareholder;
- Evaluation of effectiveness of entity board governance structure, processes and recommend changes as required;
- Reviewing business plans and strategies of the entities to ensure compliance with the Council's strategic direction;
- Ensuring compliance of the entities with the Council's interests including the Birmingham Business Charter for Social Responsibility;
- Oversight of compliance to ensure that taxation, legal and financial interests of the Council are considered and protected;
- Oversight of compliance to EU procurement or other such legislative regulations and Council Standing Orders;
- Ensuring that risk relating to the entities is at a suitable level for the Council to bear;
- Receiving and reviewing entity performance reports;
- Advising Cabinet of issues