

Agenda Item 15b - Committee Re-Structure Proposals
(Pursuant to minute no. 109/18/19 P&R held 18.09.18)

In supporting the P & R recommendation I ask members to review the following:

The current Council committee structure has shown to be not conducive to good management of our time and decision making. This is because we have relied exclusively on sub committees and working parties to sort out the chaff from the wheat.

This means, in 90% of case proposals are taking possibly 4-6 months or longer to get resolved. It has also led to Members feeling excluded from the decision-making process.

The restructuring recommendation before you from Policy and Resources, is to make/appoint all members to the Policy and Resources committee as well as Services and Burial Authority committee.

The Proposal also recommends that FTC planning committee be reduced to a standing committee status, chaired not by the Mayor as is the case now, but by an elected Chairperson from its members. This committee will also have full Council membership. The committees already mentioned will have full control of their own budgets and will have the power to resolve matters independent from FTC. This will remove sub committees, unless set up by the parent committee for specific items/information gathering etc.

The 2 committees to retain current status will be Burial Board and Staffing, with Staffing to be reviewed as to its terms of reference to reflect the HR and Personnel content? These committees will also manage own budgets.

There is, in my view, a real opportunity within these recommendations to move the Council and its decision-making process to a level where accountability and revenue expenditure is effective in providing 'best value'.