

MINUTES OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9th AUGUST, 2024

Present: David Eustace, Peter Hornsby, Mike Gunn, Robert Stern (chair)

1. Apologies were noted from Michael Farthing and Mark Murrell.
2. The meeting considered a number of points relating to the post of Direct Members Representative ("DMR") and DMR elections. There was a wide-ranging discussion; there was insufficient consensus in favour of any suggested change. In particular, a proposal to extend the length of term to three years was rejected because of the risk of an inactive DMR being in office too long and not being removed. (There was discussion about a possible solution, allowing for a members' right to remove a DMR mid-term, but it was concluded that the status quo would be less complicated.)
3. There was considerably greater support for a proposal that a three year term be introduced for the post of Chair of Council but any decision was deferred till the next meeting so that the views of all committee members could be ascertained.
4. Drafts of The Game-Fee Bye-laws and the Direct Members Bye-laws, amended with changes to update them in accordance with current practices/circumstances, were approved. The changes will be put to council at the AGM in October.
5. There being no further business, the meeting closed.