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Dear [REDACTED]

James has forwarded your email to me.

Thank you for the links, its interesting reading about how other Local Authorities have approached this subject.

I have been employed by Sheffield since 2010 and I am not aware of any formal governance review, however there was an overhaul of the Constitution in 2010 and it is constantly updated to respond to changes in legislation or practice. The Leader's Scheme of delegation, which is the main document relating to the Council's executive decision making powers, is reviewed at least annually.

The Deputy Leader also brought together a cross party working group in 2017 to consider improvements to the Full Council meeting. Those changes were implemented in 2018/2019.

With regards to CfPS, I am very aware of the work they do nationally. Jacqui McKinlay their Chief Executive is a regular speaker at Monitoring Officer conferences and they have provided support in the past around training for Elected Members on overview and scrutiny.

Kind regards

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Dear James

While I have your attention...!

Below are two links to documents we recently provided for Olivia. They are from Cheshire East, and Croydon. Cheshire East are undertaking a year-long change to a modern committee system, and Croydon are in the middle of a 14-month long governance review. We are aware that Sheffield will likely only have 7 months to design a new committee system which is a very short period of time given complexity, and the involvement/buy-in that will be needed. I suggested the third link was the kind of reporting that they would want to avoid - sounds poisonous - so cross-Party buy-in is vital.

I think the quality/depth of what other local authorities (not just the two below) undertake by way of governance review/change is pretty good too. I have been unable to find anything

like a systematic look at/review of governance in Sheffield in any recent past though I forgot to ask Olivia if she knew of anything. Are you aware of any proper governance review in Sheffield in the last 20 years? (Ie since the 2000 changes)?

<https://moderngov.cheshireeast.gov.uk/documents/g7604/Public%20reports%20pack%2005th-Mar-2019%2011.00%20Council.pdf?T=10>

<https://insidecroydon.files.wordpress.com/2019/07/governance-review-panel.pdf>. (Plus useful appendices)

<https://insidecroydon.com/2019/07/13/governance-review-costs-soar-as-newman-nobbles-the-panel/>

Perhaps most importantly we have been encouraging contact with CfPS as 'the' l.a. external experts, with access to potential resources to support - they have seen many councils through governance change/review.

Thanks - I just wanted to keep you in the loop.

