

Feedback from Members of Council

Engagement with Members of Council undertaken for this work highlighted key points:

1. There is no problem with the current mandate of the PFC (or its further improvement is not a priority),
2. Meetings (both of the PFC and of Council) could be made more efficient, and
3. There is a desire to be more strategic and focused on priorities

Other consistent comments received mentioned concern about the potential for unintended consequences with any change to the current decision-making framework of Council and Committees. The relative equality between Council members was seen as a strength of the current system, and something that stakeholders did not wish to see replaced with a “2 tier system”. The table below provides a summary of the feedback.

Theme	Responses (*Indicates multiple responses)
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to be more strategic* • Increase efficiency and effectiveness of meetings* • Increase strategic alignment between Council and Administration • Focus resources on priorities and desired outcomes* • Better time management*
Working together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem is the way we function not policy* • Opportunity for nuanced conversation is important • Develop and utilize councillors’ skill sets* • Executive Committee means input from others will be lost • Don’t want more/extra duties* • Don’t want the same three people directing the work (re: #1 in the Notice of Motion)* • Increase communication

Roles & responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need to change how we operate• PFC should have role in Council agenda setting• Involve others in agenda setting*• Strength that councillors can attend any meetings• Don't create 2 tiers of councillors*• Executive Committee takes power from Council• Weakens power of an already weak mayoral system – what is the role of the mayor
Compliance and Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do we move to a different level of operating• Can PFC be more empowered like GPT• More authority for Standing Policy Committees