

## **Response from the Monitoring Officer**

The Monitoring Officer provided the following response to the Committee following concerns that no reports were provided for the meeting.

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Dear Councillors,

As your Monitoring Officer I have now investigated the concern which you brought to my attention in the email below. While I am satisfied that the law has not been broken it was nevertheless discourteous to you all for the slides shown at the meeting not to have been produced in document format and published to you and the public five clear days before the meeting. I therefore apologise to you for this governance oversight and will seek to ensure that such mistakes are not repeated in future.

For the avoidance of doubt I confirm that neither the law nor the constitution require reports to be presented to any council committee; however if there are no reports for any committee meeting I would normally suggest that the meeting was cancelled for want of any business to be discussed.

I confirm that it is necessary for Cabinet Members and Housing Officers to be held accountable within the terms of reference of this Committee. Accordingly, should you have any further concerns in this respect in the future please bring the matter to my attention and you may of course notify Governance or myself should you wish any relevant matter to be placed on the committee agenda.

Yours sincerely,

**David Tatlow**

Director of Corporate Resources and Monitoring Officer