
LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

To: **Governance and Audit Committee – 10 December 2014**

Main Portfolio Area: **Corporate Resources**

By: **Paul Cook, Director of Corporate Resources**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Thanet Wide**

Summary: The purpose of the report is to introduce the Local Code of Corporate Governance document.

For Information and Decision

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 This report provides Governance and Audit Committee with the Governance Framework and Local Code of Corporate Governance annual review.

2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 The Governance Framework (version 9) has been reviewed and is attached at **annex 1**.

2.2 The Local Code of Corporate Governance (version 9) has been reviewed and is attached at **annex 2**.

2.3 Following approval of the reviewed documents they will be published on the council's website.

3.0 Options

3.1 That Members approve the reviewed Governance Framework (annex 1) and Local Code of Corporate Governance (annex 2).

3.2 That Members review and make changes to the Governance Framework and Local Code of Corporate Governance.

4.0 Corporate Implications

4.1 Financial and VAT

4.1.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

4.2 Legal

4.2.1 Local Authorities must be able to demonstrate compliance with the statutory principles of good governance. Local government has been undergoing significant change and the environment in which it works is increasing in complexity. Good governance enables an authority to pursue its vision effectively as well as underpinning that vision with control and the management of risk.

4.3 Corporate

- 4.3.1 The documents covered within this report contribute to the council's governance arrangements that lead to good management, good performance and good financial controls and enable us to engage with the public and ultimately demonstrate good outcomes for our community.
- 4.3.2 Failure to undertake these processes or review the attached document will impact on the council's approach to corporate governance, and our ability to demonstrate compliance with our own corporate processes.

4.4 Equity and Equalities

- 4.4.1 There are no equity or equalities issues arising from this report.

5.0 Recommendation

- 5.1 That Members approve the reviewed Governance Framework and Local Code of Corporate Governance (annexes 1 and 2).**

6.0 Decision Making Process

- 6.1 These recommendations do not involve the making of a key decision and may be taken by the Governance and Audit Committee.

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Annex List

Annex 1	Governance Framework (version 9)
Annex 2	Local Code of Corporate Governance (version 9)

Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
n/a	

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	n/a
Monitoring Officer / Legal	