
THE LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

To: **Governance and Audit Committee – 15 March 2016**

By: **Director of Corporate Governance**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **All**

Summary: **The purpose of the report is to update the Local Code of Corporate Governance and governance Framework documents.**

For Decision

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 This report provides the annual review for the Governance Framework and Local Code of Corporate Governance.

2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 The Governance Framework (version 10) has been reviewed and is attached at annex 1.

2.2 The Local Code of Corporate Governance (version 10) 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) as drafted.

3.2 That Members review and make changes to the draft 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. There are no specific impacts on those with protected characteristics. An EIA has not been undertaken.

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 may be taken by the Governance and Audit Committee.

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Annex List

Annex 1	Governance Framework (version 10)
Annex 2	Local Code of Corporate Governance (version 10)

Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	Tim Willis, Director of Corporate Finance
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance
Communications	Hannah Thorpe, Interim Head of Communications