

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer	Governance Committee	Tuesday, 7 March 2023

Local Code of Corporate Governance

Is this report confidential?	No
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Is this decision key?	Not applicable
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Purpose of the Report

- To update members on the outcome of a review of the Local Code of Corporate Governance.

Recommendations to Governance Committee

- For members to approve the Local Code of Corporate Governance at Appendices A and B to this report.

Reasons for recommendations

- It is good practice to have a Local Code of Corporate Governance which enables an improved understanding for members, officers and the public of how the Council discharges its obligations and functions.

Other options considered and rejected

- The Council could choose not to have a local code. This would be lawful but is not recommended practice and the benefits of having a code would be lost.

Corporate priorities

- The report relates to the following corporate priorities: (please bold all those applicable):

An exemplary council		Thriving communities	
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A fair local economy that works for everyone		Good homes, green spaces, healthy places	
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Background to the report

6. The Council have adopted a Local Code of Corporate Governance. This is compliant with CIPFA Guidance and follows best practice. The Local Code sets out how the Council delivers its Corporate Governance Framework and explains how it operates.
7. The Local Code should be reviewed frequently to ensure it is up to date and reflects the current framework. If the Local Code is incorrect, members, officers and the public would be misled as to how the council operates, significantly undermining the trust and confidence in the organisation and transparency in operation.

Changes

8. A significant amount of work has gone into recent years in developing the governance environment. In the last 12 months the council have launched a new Equality Framework to update the approach of the Council to Equality and Diversity.

Climate change and air quality

9. The work noted in this report does not impact the climate change and sustainability targets of the Councils Green Agenda and all environmental considerations are in place.

Risk

10. There are no risks identified save that if the Code incorrectly references documents this will mislead the public and users of the local code. This has been mitigated by sharing the document with stakeholders to check.

Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

11. No comments.

Comments of the Monitoring Officer

12. No comments, the report addresses any issues I may raise.

Appendices

Appendix A Local Code of Corporate Governance
Appendix B Appendix A to the Local Code

Background documents

There are no background papers to this report.

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