

LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE – 2018/19

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to present the updated Local Code of Corporate Governance for review and approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Members are requested to:

- Review and approve the update to the Council's Local Code of Corporate Governance 2018/19

1 Introduction

- 1.1 In July 2017 the Council adopted a revised Local Code of Corporate Governance prepared in accordance with the CIPFA framework document entitled 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework (2016 Edition)'.
- 1.2 Annually the Local Code of Corporate Governance should be updated. Due to the Council's restructure the Code was last presented to the Licensing, Audit and General Purposes Committee in June 2017, by the Solicitor to the Council.

2 Local Code of Corporate Governance

- 2.1 The updated Local Code of Corporate Governance is based upon the CIPFA/SOLACE publication entitled 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework 2016 Edition.'
- 2.2 The Code is based on seven core principles:
- Behaving with integrity, demonstrating strong commitment to ethical values, and respecting the rule of law.
 - Ensuring openness and comprehensive stakeholder engagement.
 - Defining outcomes in terms of sustainable economic, social and environmental benefits.
 - Determining the interventions necessary to optimise the achievement of the intended outcomes.

- Developing the entity's capacity, including the capability of its leadership and the individuals within it.
- Managing risks and performance through robust internal control and strong public financial management.
- Implementing good practices in transparency, reporting, and audit, to deliver effective accountability.

2.3 The Local Code identifies the actions and behaviours taken by the Council in relation to each these core principles and associated sub principles. These are summarised in Appendix A of the Local Code with supporting evidence provided within Appendix B.

2.4 The updated Local Code of Corporate Governance is attached in Appendix A of this report.

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References: The CIPFA/SOLACE: Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Guidance