

Report of	Meeting	Date
Monitoring Officer	Governance Committee	Wednesday, 15 March 2023

Local Code of Corporate Governance

Is this report confidential?	No
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Is this decision key?	No
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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

- For members to approve the Local Code of Corporate Governance at Appendix A 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 the benefits of having a code would be lost. Corporate priorities

Corporate priorities

- The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

Housing where residents can live well	A green and sustainable borough
An enterprising economy with vibrant local centres in urban and rural areas	Healthy, safe and engaged communities

Background to the report

6. The Council have an adopted Local Code of Corporate Governance. This is compliant with CIPFA Guidance and follows best practice. The Local Code sets out how the Council delivers it's 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. In recent years the format and presentation of the Code have been improved and the newly adopted policies and processes have been referenced. The changes this year relate to the update of the equalities policy to reflect the adoption of the newly approved Equality Framework.

Climate change and air quality

9. The work noted in this report has no impact on the Councils Carbon emissions and the wider Climate Emergency and sustainability targets of the Council.

Equality and diversity

10. There are no equality or diversity impacts in relation to this report as it simply references existing policies and processes.

Risk

11. 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 the Corporate Governance Group to review prior to presentation for approval.

Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

12. No comments.

Comments of the Monitoring Officer

13. No comments.

Appendices

Appendix A – Local Code of Corporate Governance

Appendix B – Appendix A to the Local Code.

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