

Report of	Meeting	Date
Head of Governance	Governance Committee	14 March 2013

UPDATE OF THE CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To advise members of changes to the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That the updates to the Code of Corporate Governance contained at Appendix 1 be approved and adopted.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- The Council are required to adopt a Code of Corporate Governance which demonstrates how the authority complies with its legislative requirements, the principles of good governance and management processes.
- In 2007 CIPFA/SOLACE issued a Framework and Guidance Document entitled Delivering Good Governance in Local Government. This established the Framework and Principles in which the Code could operate.
- This framework was adopted by Government as best practice and Chorley Council have used this Framework as the basis for our Code of Corporate Governance since that time.
- In 2012, to reflect a change in the Regulations, CIPFA SOLACE issued new guidance and an addendum to the Framework. The document at Appendix 1 incorporates these changes.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all		A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy communities		An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	

AMENDMENTS

- The most significant amendment to the Code is to update it to reflect the changes imposed by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011. Fundamentally, this change replaces the need to produce a Statement of Internal Control with the Annual Governance Statement. Largely the content of both is the same.
- The other significant change is the removal from the Control Measures to have meetings in public unless absolutely necessary. This is now a legal requirement and processes have

been adopted to ensure this is the case in any event including the incorporation of confidential items on the Notice of Key Decisions.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

10. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal		Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

11. None

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

12. Contained in the body of the report

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There are no background papers to this report.

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