

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Governance and Policy	Governance Committee	22 March 2017

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 Framework Document was reissued in 2016 and established 7 Core Principles to replace the previous 6. The focus of the Framework was now to encourage Local Authorities to establish local codes with their own approaches to Corporate Governance. The new Framework seeks to promote a customer focus in how the Council seek to achieve our objectives.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all	X	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	

THE 2016 DELIVERING GOOD GOVERNANCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRAMEWORK

- This is a wholly new Framework document which whilst it builds on the previous edition and addendum, brings a new focus and approach.

10. Firstly, the Framework is less prescriptive in that it encourages Local Authorities to produce their own Code of Corporate Governance, setting out their own unique approach. The Framework assist authorities in identifying how they can review and account for their arrangements.
11. The Framework replaces the previous 6 core principles of good governance. Whilst there is some overlap the emphasis of the principles has changed. The principles are more focused on Customer and delivery of priorities.
12. The Framework introduces 2 core principles which underpin the remaining 5. These principles set out how this organisation can achieve our intended outcomes while acting in the public interest at all times.
13. As with previous Codes it includes how compliance will be assessed through the use of service assurance statements, the annual governance statement and audit. It also highlights evidence that supports compliance with the requirements of the Code.
14. The Code of Corporate Governance is attached at Appendix 1.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

15. 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

16. None

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

17. Contained in the body of the report

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There are no background papers to this report.

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