

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Governance	Governance Committee	Wednesday, 16 March 2022

## 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

- 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

- The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

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

## 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 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 number of policy families have been updated in the last 12 months and this is reflected in the tables. However, it should be acknowledged that the vast majority of the documents remain unchanged.
9. Specific to this Local Code there have been presentational changes this year. The table of interrelationships between principles, statutory obligations and corporate objectives and supporting documents and processes has been moved into the body of the document. Although a small change it clearly shows the core documents and processes which support our framework, making the relationships clearer.
10. The detail of the evidence of compliance has been moved into an appendix.

## Climate change and air quality

11. 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.

## Equality and diversity

12. There are no equality or diversity impacts in relation to this report.

## Risk

13. 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

14. No comments.

## Comments of the Monitoring Officer

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

## Appendices

### Appendix A Local Code of Corporate Governance

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