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The Local Code of Corporate Governance

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1. PURPOSE

1.1. To reaffirm the content of the Local Code of Corporate Governance.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. To approve and reaffirm the Council's Local Code of Corporate Governance

3. BACKGROUND

3.1. Local authorities are required to adopt a local Code of Corporate Governance that sets out a commitment to corporate governance and how the approved code will be developed and implemented. The CIPFA/SOLACE guidance for delivery of good governance in Local Government suggests that there is no standard model for the Code.

3.2. The Audit Committee approved the Council's local code on 17 March 2008, which followed the CIPFA/SOLACE Framework, Delivering Good Governance in Local Government.

3.3. The Code outlines how the local authority will ensure that it is doing the right things, in the right way, for the right people in a timely, inclusive, open, honest and accountable manner.

3.4. Several minor amendments to the Code have been made. These reflect changes made in the Localism to the Fundamental Principles, the Council's adoption of Outcomes and Priorities and certain procedural alterations made by the Council since the original Code was adopted.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

CIPFA/SOLACE Framework, Delivering Good Governance in Local Government.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – The Local Code of Corporate Governance