

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Code of Corporate Governance</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> March 2009</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Director of Finance &amp; Resources</b>		
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE**

The special circumstances for non-compliance with Council Procedure Rule 23, Access to Information Rule 5 and Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended (items not considered unless the agenda is open to inspection at least five days in advance of the meeting) are that the revised Code of Corporate Governance was due to be considered and agreed by the Officer's Governance Board on 24<sup>th</sup> March prior to the Audit Committee.

**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT**

1.1 This report presents the revised Local Code of Corporate Governance for the Audit Committee's consideration as part of the council's corporate governance framework.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That the Audit Committee recommends the approval of the Code of Corporate Governance by the Council.

**3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

3.1 Local authorities should be open and transparent about their governance arrangements. Therefore the first Code of Corporate Governance was produced in 2007/08.

3.2 Due to high profile failures in governance arrangements in other areas, the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA) and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) produced a framework document in 2007, "Delivering Good Governance in Local Government."

#### **4. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### **4.1 Financial Implications:**

There are no direct financial considerations relating to the recommendations in this report.

*Finance Officer Consulted: Patrick Rice  
Head of Financial Services – Corporate & Environment*

*Date: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009*

##### **4.2 Legal Implications:**

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

*Lawyer Consulted: Oliver Dixon, Lawyer*

*Date: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009*

##### **4.3 Equalities Implications:**

There are no direct equalities implications arising directly from this report

##### **4.4 Sustainability Implications:**

There are no direct sustainability implications arising from this report.

##### **4.5 Crime & Disorder Implications:**

There no direct implications for the prevention of crime and disorder arising from this report.

##### **4.6 Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:**

The Risk and Opportunity Management Process is a key part of the council's corporate governance arrangements.

##### **4.7 Corporate / Citywide Implications:**

Robust corporate governance arrangements are essential to the sound management of the City Council and the achievement of its objectives as set out in the Corporate Plan.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Background Documents**

1. CIPFA/SOLACE “Delivering good governance” (2007)
2. The Good Governance Standard for the Public Sector 2006
3. Brighton & Hove City Council Constitution

