

Subject:	Code of Corporate Governance		
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	Governance Committee 28 April 2009		
	Audit Committee 31 March 2009		
Report of:	Director of Finance & Resources		
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Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 This report presents the revised Local Code of Corporate Governance for the Governance Committee's consideration as part of the council's corporate governance framework.
- 1.2 This report was submitted to the Audit Committee on the 31st March and subsequently recommended for approval by the full council.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Governance Committee notes the contents of the council's Code of Corporate Governance.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Corporate governance is a phrase used to describe how organisations direct and control what they do. For local authorities this includes how they relate to communities that they serve.
- 3.2 The Code of corporate Governance is a public statement that sets out the way in which the council will demonstrate effective corporate governance. It is part of the council's Constitution.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 Although there is no statutory requirement on local authorities to produce a Code of Corporate Governance it is considered to be best practice and an expectation by the Audit Commission.

3.5 The previous Code of Corporate Governance was agreed by full council in March 2008.

4. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

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

Patrick Rice Head of Financial Services 26 March 2009

Legal Implications:

4.2 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

Oliver Dixon Lawyer 26 March 2009

Equalities Implications:

4.3 There are no direct equalities implications arising directly from this report

Sustainability Implications:

4.4 There are no direct sustainability implications arising from this report.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

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

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

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

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

4.7 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

Appendices

Appendix 1 Revised Local Code of Corporate Governance

Appendix 2 Extract from the proceedings of the Audit Committee meeting held on the
31 March 2009

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

