

**Name of meeting: Corporate Governance and Audit Committee**

**Date: 17 November 2017**

**Title of report: Code of Corporate Governance**

**Purpose of report**

To approve the Council's Code of Corporate Governance

<b>Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?</b>	N/A
<b>Key Decision - Is it in the <a href="#">Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)?</a></b>	N/A
<b>The Decision - Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?</b>	N/A
<b>Date signed off by Director &amp; name</b>	
<b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance, IT and Transactional Services?</b>	
<b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director - Legal Governance and Commissioning?</b>	Yes - 8.11.17
<b>Cabinet member portfolio</b>	N/A

**Electoral wards affected: All**

**Ward councillors consulted: N/A**

**Public or private: Public**

## **1. Summary**

1.1 The Council is required to review and update the local Code of Corporate Governance. The Code assists when assessing the governance arrangements in place at the authority.

## **2. Information required to take a decision**

2.1 This Committee has previously considered an updated Code of Corporate Governance alongside a report on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017. A copy of the report is attached at Appendix 1.

2.2 The draft Code has now been amended with the change requested and is attached at Appendix 2.

## **3. Implications for the Council**

### **3.1 Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP)**

N/A

### **3.2 Economic Resilience (ER)**

N/A

### **3.3 Improving Outcomes for Children**

N/A

### **3.4 Reducing demand of services**

N/A

### **3.5 Legal and Financial Implications**

The Code of Corporate Governance will assist the Council in assessing its governance arrangements when next considered in 2018.

## **4. Consultees and their opinions**

The draft code has been developed with the involvement of the Service Director – Legal Governance and Commissioning, Internal Audit, and Governance & Democratic Services.

## **5. Next steps**

The Code will be used as a tool in considering the Annual Statement of Corporate Governance for 2018/19 in the summer of 2018.

## **6. Officer recommendations and reasons**

To adopt the Code of Corporate Governance as set out in the attached document

## **7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation**

N/A

## **8. Contact officers**

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## **9. Background Papers and History of Decisions**

CIPFA/SOLACE Delivering Good Governance Framework 2016

## **10. Service Director responsible**

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## **11. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Report dated 15 September 2017

Appendix 2- Draft Code of Corporate Governance