

Extract from the draft minutes of the Governance and Audit Committee meeting on 21 January 2020

193 Review of Local Code of Corporate Governance

The Committee was requested to review the revised Local Code of Corporate Governance. Hayley McGrath, Corporate Governance Manager, attended to assist the Committee and presented the report. It was explained that the draft Local Code of Corporate Governance had been considered by this Committee at its previous meeting in November 2019, and following discussions at that meeting, the wording of Principle Two of the proposed Code had been revisited and further revised. Members were advised that the Monitoring Officer had considered the proposed Code in the light of comments made by the Committee that the phrase “common purpose” may not accurately reflect political differences inherent in the Council’s structure. The proposed wording of Principle Two of the Proposed Code had therefore been changed to link the phrase “common purpose” to the Council’s Strategic Plan which had been unanimously approved at Full Council. The wording had therefore been amended to “Members and officers working together to deliver the objectives of the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan (the common purpose), with clearly defined functions and roles.”

Councillor Pearson commented that this matter had been discussed at length in the previous meeting, and proposed that the suggested amendments to the Code be approved and recommended to Full Council for inclusion in the Policy Framework.

RESOLVED that the revised wording of Core Principle 2 of the Local Code of Corporate Governance be approved and the Local Code of Corporate Governance be referred to Full Council.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that the revised Local Code of Corporate Governance be included in the Policy Framework.