

Extract from the draft minutes of the Governance and Audit Committee meeting of 24 November 2020

235. Review of Local Code of Corporate Governance

Hayley McGrath, Corporate Governance Manager, attended to present the report and assist the Committee with their enquiries. The Committee heard that each Local Authority had a local Code of Corporate Governance based on the principles contained in guidance issued by The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), and The Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) and this contained the activities that the Council had undertaken, and would undertake, to implement the six core principles set out in The Code, and ensure that the highest governance standards were in place. The code was reviewed annually to ensure that the principles are still being met, and what further work can be undertaken as an organisation that would demonstrate compliance with the principles. No significant changes had been made to the Code this year, however, it had been updated to reflect the strengthening of compliance with the principles, including the implementation of two new Panels, The Policy Panel and the Environment and Sustainability Panel, together with community engagement via the digital access programme, electronic training for officers and the coronavirus response and recovery actions. The Committee were requested to review the updated Code of Corporate Governance for 2020-2021, and recommend to Full Council that the updated Code be included in the Council's Policy Framework.

RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL that the updated Local Code of Corporate Governance for 2020/21 be approved for inclusion in the Council's Policy Framework.