

Extract from the minutes of the Governance and Audit Committee meeting of 13 December 2023

398. Review of the Local Code of Corporate Governance

The Committee considered a report requesting that it review the Local Code of Corporate Governance for 2023/24. The Local Code of Corporate Governance was how the Council demonstrated that its structures complied with the recognised principles of good governance.

Hayley Mcrath, Corporate Governance Manager, attended the meeting to present the report and assist the Committee with its enquires. The Local Code of Corporate Governance (the Code) was referred to the Committee every year, and set out the principles which the Council abided by, and which were set by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE). The Code set out how the Council demonstrated its compliance with the 6 principles of good governance through the management of appropriate systems and processes. The Code was reviewed every year and no significant changes were proposed this year. The Code had been updated to provide hyperlinks to supporting documents which it referenced, including the 2023/2026 Strategic Plan, and contained details of work which had been carried out over the preceding year. The Committee was requested to review the Code to ensure that it was appropriate and that it confirmed that the Council did comply with the 6 principles of good governance, and to recommend to Full Council that the Code was incorporated into the Council's Policy Framework.

RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL that:

- The Local Code of Corporate Governance be included in the Council's Policy Framework.