

- 2.5 The guidance identifies six Core Principles against which local authorities should review their existing corporate governance arrangements and develop and maintain a local code of governance. The principles are;
- Focusing on the purpose of the Council and outcomes for the community and creating and implementing a vision for the local area;
 - Members and officers working together to achieve a common purpose with clearly defined functions and roles;
 - Promoting values for the authority and demonstrating the values of good governance through upholding high standards of conduct and behaviour;
 - Taking informed and transparent decisions which are subject to effective scrutiny and managing risk;
 - Developing the capacity and capability of members and officers to be effective; and
 - Engaging with local people and other stakeholders to ensure robust public accountability.
- 2.6 The six core principles each have a number of supporting principles, which in turn have a range of specific requirements that apply across the range of Council business.
- 2.7 The Local Code, and the Council's compliance with the principles, have been reviewed, and attached at Appendix 1 is the updated Local Code of Corporate Governance for 2017/18. This sets out the six principles and elaborates on how the Council is meeting them, what source documents or processes evidence this and in addition highlights any further or ongoing work. This in turn links into the Council's Annual Governance Statement.
- 2.8 There have been no significant changes to the code following the review, and it is considered still fit for purpose.

3. Strategic Plan References

- 3.1 The manner in which the Council governs its business is an underpinning mechanism in the Council's Strategic Plan aims to set out the direction and future potential for our Borough.

4. Publicity Considerations

- 4.1 The Local Code of Corporate Governance will be published on Corporate Governance section of the Council's website.

5. Financial, Equality, Diversity and Human Rights, Consultation, Community Safety, Health and Safety and Risk Management Implications

- 5.1 None.