

Allerdale Borough Council

Audit Committee – 19 February 2018

Local Code of Corporate Governance

The Reason for the Decision	To review the Local Code of Corporate Governance
Summary of options considered	Review the content.
Recommendations	The Local Code of Corporate Governance is reviewed and accepted subject to any additional information required.
Financial / Resource Implications	Includes the governance arrangements for Finance.
Legal / Governance Implications	Prepared in accordance with the CIPFA Delivering Good Governance Framework
Community Safety Implications	None
Health and Safety and Risk Management Implications	Contributes to the Governance and Risk Management Framework
Equality Duty considered / Impact Assessment completed	NA
Wards Affected	All
The contribution this decision would make to the Council's priorities	All
Is this a Key Decision	No
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Report Implications

Community Safety	N	Financial	Y
Legal	Y	Partnership	Y
Social Inclusion	N	Asset Management	N
Equality Duty	N	Health and Safety	N
Employment (internal)	N	Employment (external to the Council)	N

Background Papers

Appendix 1 Local Code of Corporate Governance

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Allerdale Borough Council (the Council) is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively. The Council also has a duty under the Local Government Act 1999 to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.
- 1.2 In discharging this overall responsibility, the Council is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for the governance of its affairs, facilitating the effective exercise of its functions, and which includes arrangements for the management of risk. This Code is a public statement that sets out the way the Council will meet that commitment. As such it represents a key component of the Council's constitutional arrangements. The Code has been developed in light of CIPFA /SOLACE Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework 2016 Edition.

2.0 The Local Code of Corporate Governance

- 2.1 The Delivering Good Governance Framework sets out the principles local authorities should demonstrate in all areas of their activity, these are:
- A. Behaving with integrity, demonstrating strong commitment to ethical values, and respecting the rule of law;
 - B. Ensuring openness and comprehensive stakeholder engagement;
 - C. Defining outcomes in terms of sustainable economic, social, and environmental benefits;

- D. Determining the interventions necessary to optimize the achievement of the intended outcomes;
 - E. Developing the Council's capacity, including the capability of its leadership and the individuals within it;
 - F. Managing risks and performance through robust internal control and strong public financial management; and
 - G. Implementing good practices in transparency, reporting, and audit to deliver effective accountability.
- 2.2 The Code Of Corporate Governance detailed at **Appendix 1** to this report sets out how Allerdale Borough Council demonstrate these principles during their day to day operations. Following the review by the Audit Committee the Chief Executive and Leader will approve this document as final.
- 3.0 Recommendations**
- 3.1 The Local Code of Corporate Governance is reviewed and accepted subject to any additional information required.
- 4.0 Conclusion**
- 4.1 This contributes to the communication of and commitment to the governance framework at Allerdale Borough Council.

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