

Meeting of the Council – 19th July, 2010

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources

Code of Corporate Governance – Amendment to the Constitution

Purpose of Report

1. To formally adopt a revised Code of Corporate Governance and to consider the delegation of associated functions to the Audit Committee.

Background

2. On 12th April, 2010, the Standards Committee received a report on the revised Code of Corporate Governance to incorporate a number of updates to that document. The revised Code is attached to this report.
3. The Audit Committee currently deals with the Council's Annual Governance Statement and it is recommended that it would be more appropriate in future for the Code of Corporate Governance to also be dealt with by the Audit Committee. To give effect to this proposal, Part 3 of the Constitution (Responsibility for Functions) will need to be amended to provide for the Audit Committee being responsible for Corporate Governance arrangements. Any future amendments to the Code will, of course, be published in the Council's Constitution once approved by the Audit Committee.

Finance

4. The financial implications arising from this report will be met from existing resources.

Law

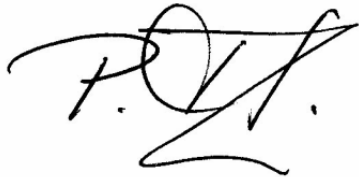
5. The relevant statutory provisions regarding the Constitution are contained in Part II of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended by the Local Government Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, together with Regulations, Orders and Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

Equality Impact

6. This report has no direct implications for the Council's policies with regard to equality and diversity. The principles of equality and diversity underpin the Council's established governance arrangements.

Recommendation

7. That the revised Code of Corporate Governance, as attached to this report, be approved and incorporated in the Council's Constitution.
8. That the terms of reference of the Audit Committee as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution (Responsibility for Functions) be amended to include all necessary action associated with the determination of the Council's Corporate Governance arrangements.

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Philip Tart
Director of Corporate Resources