

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

20 June 2012

Report of the Director of Finance

Part 1- Public

Matters for Recommendation to Council

1 LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Audit Committee are due to review the Local Code of Corporate Governance at a meeting on 18 June and it is intended that an updated Code is recommended to Cabinet for final adoption by Council.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 The Council's Local Code of Corporate Governance was adopted by the Council in 2008. It is necessary to update the Code in order to maintain its integrity and purpose.

1.1.2 At the time of writing, Members of the Audit Committee are due to consider an update to the Code which, although more succinct, demonstrates compliance with the principles of corporate governance. The revised version is attached at **[Annex 1]** for information.

1.1.3 Subject to any further comments by the Audit Committee, it is recommended that this revised version be adopted.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 None

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 There are no financial considerations related to this item but it has been identified as good practice by CIPFA/SOLACE to have a Code in place.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 Having a Corporate Governance Code does assist in setting out the culture of the organisation and provides a reference to the supporting strategies and policies underlying this culture.

1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

1.5.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report

1.6 Recommendations

1.6.1 Subject to any comments from the Audit Committee, Cabinet is **REQUESTED** to consider the revised Code of Corporate Governance and **RECOMMEND** to Council that it be adopted.

Background papers:

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Nil

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Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The Code is designed to ensure that all stakeholders are aware of the culture of the organisation and the standards expected from them.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	No	The Code is an indication of expectation of standards from all groups.
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		n/a

In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.