

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

19 June 2013

Report of the Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Transformation

Part 1- Public

Matters for Recommendation to Council

1 LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Audit Committee is due to review the Local Code of Corporate Governance at a meeting on 17 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 most recent Annual Governance Statement was produced using the updated framework released by CIPFA/SOLACE. It is now considered best practice to have a more detailed Local Code, and a revised draft has been produced to comply with this.
- 1.1.2 The revised draft (attached at **Annex 1**) is due to be considered by the Audit Committee at its meeting on 17 June.
- 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 The Code will meet the framework for “proper practices” as it will match the template issued by CIPFA/SOLACE.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.3.1 The Local Code of Corporate Governance does provide a framework on how the Council will meet good governance.

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 No equality impact issues were identified

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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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?		Not applicable

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.