

**Item AU 18/18 referred from Audit Committee minutes of 3 April 2018**

**AU 18/18 LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Further to Minute AU 17/19 of the Audit Committee held on 3 April 2017, the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Central Services reminded Members that the Local Code of Corporate Governance had been amended to reflect the Delivering Good Governance Framework 2016 produced by CIPFA/SOLACE. Members were advised that the review of the Council's Constitution would be reported to the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 19 April 2018. Attention was drawn to the forthcoming changes in Data Protection legislation through the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The Chief Financial Services Officer reminded Members that there was no legal requirement for councils to prepare a Local Code of Corporate Governance, although it was seen as good practice, and outlined a number of minor amendments to the text of the supporting evidence set out in Annex 1 to the report. In response to a comment on the role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Section 2.1 of the Annex the Leader referred to the historical context of that Committee and the development of Advisory Boards to aid governance arrangements within this Authority.

**RECOMMENDED:** That, subject to some minor textual amendments, the revised Local Code for Corporate Governance, as set out at Annex 1 to the report, be commended for adoption by the Council.

**\*Referred to Council**