

**Item AU 19/17 referred from Audit Committee minutes of 1 April 2019**

**AU 19/17 LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The joint report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Central Services reminded Members that the Local Code of Corporate Governance had been substantially updated in 2017. Members were advised that following the adoption of the Council's new Constitution on 31 July 2018 the Local Code had been revisited and no further amendments were proposed. However, Members' attention was drawn to recent changes in Data Protection legislation and the need to update the 'Managing Data' and 'Respecting the Rule of Law' sections of the Local Code to reflect this. With regard to the latter section, and in particular the item 'Dealing with breaches of legal and regulatory provisions effectively' the Committee asked that the final paragraph be amended to read: 'The Council has appointed a Data Protection Officer, in accordance with GDPR, to ensure that following an internal investigation data breaches are reported to the ICO where necessary.'

**RECOMMENDED:** That, subject to the amendment of Section 1.3 as set out above, the revised Local Code of Corporate Governance, as set out at Annex 1 to the report, be commended for adoption by the Council.

**\*Referred to Council**