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| DECISION-MAKER: | GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE | | |
| SUBJECT: | CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE – ANNUAL REVIEW | | |
| DATE OF DECISION: | 24 TH APRIL 2017 | | |
| REPORT OF: | SERVICE DIRECTOR: LEGAL & GOVERNANCE | | |
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| STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY | | | |
| None | | | |
| BRIEF SUMMARY | | | |
| The Code of Corporate Governance sets out the commitment of Southampton City Council to continue to uphold the highest possible standards of good governance. The intention is that the Service Director: Legal & Governance continues with the “light touch” annual review unless required. | | | |
| RECOMMENDATIONS: | | | |
| | (i) | To note and approve the updated draft 2017 Code of Corporate Governance (“CCG”) attached at Appendix 1. | |
| REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS | | | |
| 1. | The Governance Committee has responsibility for leading on all aspects of Corporate Governance by promoting the values of putting people first, valuing public service and creating a norm of the highest standards of personal and professional conduct. A core document supporting this is the annual CCG | | |
| 2. | One of the key actions arising from the 2011-12 Annual Governance Statement was a recognition that "A biennial review is no longer considered appropriate in terms of being able to reflect significant changes in legislation that potentially impact on the CCG. The CCG will therefore to be subject to an annual 'light touch' review as part of the review of the Constitution". | | |
| ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED | | | |
| 3. | No alternative options have been considered as this is a core governance requirement. | | |
| DETAIL (Including consultation carried out) | | | |
| 4. | Corporate Governance is defined as ‘how local government bodies ensure that they are doing the right things, in the right way, for the right people in a timely, inclusive, open, honest and accountable manner. It comprises the systems and processes, and cultures and values, by which local government | | |

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| | bodies are directed and controlled and through which they account to, engage with and, where appropriate, lead their communities’ *Source: Delivering Good Governance in Local Government - Framework (CIPFA, 2007) | |
| 5. | The CCG is based around core principles contained in recently updated ‘Delivering Good Governance in Local Government (2016)’ guidance. This document provides guidance on producing the local code of corporate governance, the Annual Governance Statement, as well as the process of undertaking the review of governance. The CCG has been updated to reflect current arrangements. | |
| 6. | The minimally revised CCG reflects the current best practice guidance. | |
| RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS | | |
| <u>Capital/Revenue</u> | | |
| 7. | None. | |
| <u>Property/Other</u> | | |
| 8. | None. | |
| LEGAL IMPLICATIONS | | |
| <u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u> | | |
| 9. | The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 require the Council to adopt Good Governance arrangements in respect of the discharge of its functions. The above arrangements are intended to meet those responsibilities. | |
| <u>Other Legal Implications:</u> | | |
| 10. | None. | |
| POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS | | |
| 11. | None. | |
| KEY DECISION? | | No |
| WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED: | | none |
| <u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u> | | |
| Appendices | | |
| 1. | 2017 draft Code of Corporate Governance (CCG) | |
| Documents In Members’ Rooms | | |
| 1. | None | |
| Equality Impact Assessment | | |
| Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out? | | No |

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| Privacy Impact Assessment | |
| Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out? | No |
| Other Background Documents Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at: | |
| Title of Background Paper(s) | Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable) |
| 1. | None. |