

Corporate Governance Committee – 8 July 2026

Report by: Lydia Morrison – Corporate Director – Finance and Resources

Lead Cllr: Cllr Liam Dewey-Beckett  
Executive Councillor for Governance & Democratic Services



**Wards**

All

**Open / Exempt**

Open

**Key Decision?**

No

# Annual Report of the Corporate Governance Committee

## Executive Summary:

The Committee presents an annual report to the Council on the work that it has undertaken each year.

The draft annual report in respect of 2025/26 is attached. It has been prepared by Councillor Michael Burke, who was the Chair of the Committee during the period covered by the report.

It summarised the work undertaken by the Committee during the reporting year.

If, after considering the draft report, the Committee wish to make any changes, it is proposed that the Chair for the mentioned year be given full authority to agree any amendments.

Following consideration by the Corporate Governance Committee, this report will be presented to the next Full Council.

## Recommendations

- 1.1. It is recommended that the Committee and Council receive and note the Corporate Governance Committee 2025/26 Annual Report.

## Key Corporate Plan/Place Strategy Priorities

- 1 The role of the Corporate Governance Committee is central to ensuring efficient and sustainable service delivery.

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## **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1** This is an annual report of the Committee which summarises the work it has undertaken during 2025/26 and any issues that arose in the year.
- 1.2** Once the draft report is approved by Committee it will be presented by the Chair of Committee at Council.

## **2. WHY IS THIS REPORT NECESSARY**

- 2.1** The Committee is required to discharge the functions of the Council in relation to both the corporate governance of the Council and the conduct of elected Members. This annual report sets to inform Council of the activities Committee has undertaken in discharging these functions.
- 2.2** It has been prepared by the Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee during the period covered by the report. It details matters that have been considered together with membership and attendance throughout the year.

## **3. BACKGROUND & CONTEXT**

- 3.1** For the reasons set out above, the Committee is asked to review the draft report and approve that it is an accurate representation/reflection of the year.

## **4. IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION**

### **4.1 Implications on Resources**

- 4.1.1** None in the context of this report.

## **5. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 5.1** The receipt and consideration of the Annual Report of the Corporate Governance Committee forms an important part of the Council's assurance and risk management framework. By reviewing the Committee's activities, findings and recommendations over the preceding year, Members are able to gain assurance that key governance risks are being identified, monitored and addressed appropriately. Failure to consider the Annual Report could reduce transparency and accountability in relation to the Council's governance framework and limit the Committee's ability to satisfy itself that effective arrangements are in place to manage and mitigate corporate risks.

## **6. LIST OF APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - Corporate Governance Committee: Chair's Annual Report to Council for the year ending March 2026