

**CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE
(Report by the Director of Central Services & Monitoring Officer)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report informs members of the outcome of the second annual review of the Code of Corporate Governance.
- 1.2 The Council has a key role in governing and leading the local community. For this to be achieved it needs to rely on public confidence in elected councillors and employees. Effective systems of corporate governance underpin the credibility of the Council.

2. REVIEWING THE CODE

- 2.1 A review of the Code of Corporate Governance approved by the Panel in August 2004 has been completed. The review considered the evidence available and recorded on the dimension sheets for each of the five governance principles adopted:
- Community Focus
 - Service Delivery Arrangements
 - Structures and Processes
 - Risk Management and Internal Control
 - Standards of Conduct

- 2.2 There are no areas of the Code that need to be brought specifically to the attention of the Panel.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is the proposed Code of Corporate Governance. Amendments have been made to paragraphs (a) and (b) in the second section - Service Delivery Arrangements - to reflect the increasing responsibilities that the Council now need to address in these areas.
- 3.2 Amendments have also been made to the final paragraph of the Code, to reflect the changes to the way in which the annual assurance statement is reported.
- 3.3 The dimension sheets are reproduced at Appendix 2.

4. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the amended Code of Corporate Governance be adopted.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

None.

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