

**REPORT TO THE FINAL ACCOUNTS AND
AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Report No. 10

Date of Meeting	7 April 2008
Title of Report	Annual Governance Update - Delivering Good Governance in Local Government
Link to Corporate Priorities	
Public Report	Yes

Summary of Report

This report summarises the revised Local Code of Corporate Governance which the council has adopted, as approved by the executive on the 13th March 2008.

The responsibility for monitoring compliance with the code is detailed in the document, and the Chief Executive has delegated authority to the Head of Finance and Resources to carry out this monitoring.

Work has started on;

- i) Overseeing the implementation and monitoring of the operation of the Code; and
- ii) Submitting an annual report to the Executive and Overview & Scrutiny Committee on compliance with the Code.

Officer Recommendations

1. To note the attached Report by the Chief Executive in respect of delivering good governance in local government.
2. To note that the new Governance report will encompass the Statement of Assurance on governance and the Statement of Internal Control previously produced.

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
Yes	None	None	None	None

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1. Introduction

1.1 The revised Annual Governance Statement, which demonstrates adherence to the adopted Local Code of Corporate Governance, will be produced in accordance with the protocol and policies outlined in the attached report presented to the Executive.

2. Contents of the Policy Statement

2.1 The attached report is self explanatory and provides in depth information in respect of the Local Code of Corporate Governance, the responsibilities of Members and Officers and a monitoring checklist which will be used to demonstrate adherence to the adopted code.

3. Recommendation

3.1 That the Final Accounts and Audit Committee note the attached report on the adopted Code of Local Corporate Governance and that progress reports will be provided at future meetings.

Appendices:	Delivering Good Governance in Local Government
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	Delivering Good Governance in Local Government – CIPFA/SOLACE publication 2007

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference