

REPORT TO THE FINAL ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE		Report No. 11
Date of Meeting	9 March 2009	
Title of Report	Annual Governance Report Update	
Link to Corporate Priorities		
Public Report	Yes	

<p>Summary of Report</p> <p>This report is required by the revised Local Code of Corporate Governance which the council has adopted, as approved by the executive on the 13th March 2008.</p>
<p>Officer Recommendations</p> <p>1. To approve the 2008/09 Annual Governance Report.</p>

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, is attached and, subject to approval by this committee, will be signed by the Leader of the Council and the Head of Paid Service.
- 1.2 The Report has been prepared by the Finance Department, and reviewed by the Governance Group meeting on 4th March 2009. Updates have occurred following this meeting. The Governance Group consists of senior officers of the council including The Monitoring Officer, Head of HR, Head of Policy & Performance, Head of ICT, Internal Auditor.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 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:	Annual Governance Report 2008/09
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