

9. LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Council recognises the importance of effective corporate governance so that local communities can place trust in the way that the Council undertakes and carries out its duties.

The Council is committed to applying the seven core principles of good governance, as set out in the CIPFA/ SOLACE framework:

- Behaving with integrity, demonstrating strong commitment to ethical values, and respecting the rule of law.
- Ensuring openness and comprehensive stakeholder engagement.
- Defining outcomes in terms of sustainable economic, social and environmental benefits.
- Determining the interventions necessary to optimise the achievement of the intended outcomes.
- Developing the entity's capacity, including the capability of its leadership and the individuals within it.
- Managing risks and performance through robust internal control and strong public financial management.
- Implementing good practices in transparency, reporting, and audit, to deliver effective accountability.

The Council's Local Code of Corporate Governance defines the actions and behaviours undertaken by the Council to provide good governance in line with the above principles.

A full version of the current Local Code of Corporate Governance and the Annual Governance Statement is available on request to the Head of Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships.