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Title of report:	Code of Corporate Governance
Report by:	Jacqui Dennis, Director Law & Governance
Decision Type:	For comment
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Executive Summary:

At the April 2025 meeting, Standards Committee requested that a Code of Corporate Governance was drafted and returned to this committee early in the next municipal year for comments.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to review the draft guide and provide their comments.

Background

As part of the annual review of the constitution a forward plan item for this Committee has been an ethical governance review, this report seeks Members comments on a draft Code of Corporate Governance. This matter was considered in April and Members requested that a draft code was brought to this Committee for comment early in the new Municipal year. It is proposed that the views of this Committee and the Executive Leadership Team are obtained prior to a final draft returning to this Committee for it's approval. This report seeks Members comments on the draft Code of Corporate Governance (at Appendix A).

Corporate Governance is the term used to describe how the council manages its affairs and its relationship with the community, colleagues, customers, and partners. The code promotes the values of the Authority upholding high standards of conduct and behaviour, ethical standards and legal compliance.

The purpose of the Code of Corporate Governance is to set out the arrangements by which the Council will ensure effective governance. The Council is committed to ensuring the highest standards of governance, this code of governance is underpinned by the seven key principles set out in the current revised framework 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Guidance notes for English Authorities (2016 Edition)', published by Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA), and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives & Senior Managers (SOLACE).

The guidance states that "the overall aim is to ensure that resources are directed in accordance with agreed policy and according to priorities, that there is sound and inclusive decision making and that there is clear accountability for the use of those resources in order to achieve desired outcomes for service users and communities."

The Code is a document which will be reviewed annually and reflect any governance changes made during that time period.

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Background papers:

Appendix 1 – Draft code of Corporate Governance