

Agenda Item No: 5

Report to: Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 6 October 2014

Report Title: Local Code of Corporate Governance

Report By: Peter Grace
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Purpose of Report

To present the refreshed Local Code of Corporate Governance for approval.

Recommendation(s)

1. That the revised Local Code of Corporate Governance is approved.

Reasons for Recommendations

To update the Local Code of Corporate Governance in relation to those areas where changes have taken place.

Introduction

1. Corporate Governance is the term used to describe the system by which Local Authorities direct and control their functions and relate to their communities. The arrangements and standards set out within this Code will help Hastings Borough Council enhance its process of modernisation, community leadership, community engagement and continuous improvement. This was passed by Cabinet in July 2005.
2. A refreshed version of the code which is self-explanatory is given at appendix A that has been updated in those areas where there have been changes since the code was last approved.
3. The Council is able to evidence good governance arrangements and the Annual Governance Statement is included within the Financial Accounts Statements each year.
4. The Annual Audit Letter from the external auditors (BDO) recognises the good governance arrangements of the Council.

Wards Affected

None

Area(s) Affected

None

Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

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| Equalities and Community Cohesiveness | No |
| Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17) | No |
| Risk Management | No |
| Environmental Issues | No |
| Economic/Financial Implications | No |
| Human Rights Act | No |
| Organisational Consequences | No |
| Local People's Views | No |

Background Information

Appendix A - Local Code of Corporate Governance
Delivering Good Governance in Local Government (CIPFA 2007)

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