

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE
DATE: 8 FEBRUARY 2017
REPORT OF: HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
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SUBJECT: LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE
ACTION PLAN

Purpose of Report

1. To provide Members with an update on the small number of actions identified in the Local Code of Corporate Governance Framework published as an action plan in the Statement of Assurance 2015-16. **[Attached as Appendix 1]**.

Recommended that Members

- [1] note the attached progress report; and
- [2] highlight any specific areas for which they would like further detail.

Background

Local Code of Corporate Governance

2. In 2007 the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accounting (CIPFA) and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers (SOLACE) published a framework entitled *Delivering Good Governance in Local Government* (the Guidance).
3. The Guidance document encouraged all local government bodies to measure their own governance arrangements using six core principles, and to develop and maintain a local code of corporate governance.

Information

4. During 2016 as part of the preparation for publication of the Annual Statement of Assurance (AGS), the Governance and Constitution Committee were presented with a refreshed Local Code of Corporate Governance Framework. As a result, an action plan was developed which was included in the Statement of Assurance 2015-16.

5. Given the small number of improvement areas identified, it was agreed that Members would receive an update on progress of the live actions half yearly.

Financial Implications

6. There are no financial implications.

Legal Implications

7. Adopting the good practice contained in the Guidance facilitates the preparation of the Statement of Assurance which is a statutory requirement under Regulation 4(3) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011.

Equality & Diversity Implications

8. There are no differential impacts on any particular section of the community arising from this report.

Environmental Implications

9. There are no specific impacts on the environment arising from this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS: None