

North East Derbyshire District Council

Standards Committee

13 November 2024

Code of Corporate Governance

Report of the Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

Classification: This report is public

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To provide an opportunity for the Committee to consider the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Code of Corporate Governance be noted.

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details: There are no finance and risk implications arising directly from this report.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details: A Code of Corporate Governance is recommended by the guidance designated as proper practice by the CIPFA/SOLACE framework, entitled Delivering Good Governance in Local Government. The Council's Code forms part of the governance framework which defines the principles that underpin the governance arrangements.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details: There are no staffing issues arising directly from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>NEDDC: Revenue - £125,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £310,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details:	
<p>Stage 1 screening undertaken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed EIA stage 1 to be appended if not required to do a stage 2 	Not required as this is for information only.
<p>Stage 2 full assessment undertaken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report 	No, not applicable
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Details: Audit Committee.</p>

Links to Council Plan priorities;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A great place to work A great place to access good public services

REPORT DETAILS

1 **Background** (reasons for bringing the report)

- 1.1 The Council has in place a Code of Corporate Governance (the Code). This, along with the Annual Governance Statement, reflects the main components set out in the CIPFA and SOLACE guidance “Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework”. The Code is a public statement of the arrangements the Council has in place to ensure it conducts its business in a way that upholds the highest standards.
- 1.2 The Code is therefore an important part of the Council's public accountability. It is important it remains fit for purpose, and each year the Council's Monitoring Officer and S151 Officer conduct a review of compliance with the Code. The outcome of this year's review was considered by the Audit Committee on 8 July 2024.
- 1.3 The Code and the review, which were both considered by Audit Committee in July 2024, are available here - [Annual Governance Statement Report.pdf](#).

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 This is for Members' information.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 Members should be aware of the Code.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Not to report the Code. This was rejected because Members should be aware and it helps Members to monitor governance issues.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
<p>Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet, you must provide copies of the background papers)</p>	
None	