

North East Derbyshire District Council

Standards Committee

1st October 2025

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 inform Standards Committee of the review of the Council's Code of Corporate Governance and allow Members to comment and suggest changes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the review of the Code of Corporate Governance.
2. To allow Members the opportunity to make comments on the Code.

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details: This relates to the Council's Budget, but has no direct financial consequences.

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:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
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: NEDDC: Revenue - £125,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £310,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details:	
Stage 1 screening undertaken <ul style="list-style-type: none">Completed EIA stage 1 to be appended if not required to do a stage 2	Not required.
Stage 2 full assessment undertaken <ul style="list-style-type: none">Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report	No, not applicable
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes Details: Audit Committee on

Links to Council Plan priorities;

- **A great place that cares for the environment**
- **A great place to live well**
- **A great place to work**
- **A great place to access good public services**

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 28 July 2025.
- 1.3 The reviewed Code is available here - [Appendix 2 Code of Corporate Governance , item 6b PDF 570 KB](#)

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 This report is to enable Members of Standards Committee to consider the Code of Corporate Governance 2025. Members suggestions and questions – particularly if there are changes for the 2026 version – would be very helpful.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 Standards Committee should be aware of the latest version of the Code of Corporate Governance following review.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 It is part of the good governance for the Council, that the Code of Corporate Governance is reviewed by Standards Committee as well as Audit Committee.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
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)	
None	