

## **TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2008**

### **LEAFLETS TO PROMOTE THE COUNCIL'S LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

#### **REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES**

## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To present to Standards Committee leaflets for members and officers to promote the Council's Local Code of Good Governance.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Standards Committee approves the leaflets attached at Appendix A to promote the local Code of Good Governance to be included in November payslips.

## **3 SUMMARY & INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Good Governance is very important to all well run public bodies including local authorities. The Council's Local Code of Good Governance summarises the underlying culture of the Council and how it will deliver the appropriate quality services to the Community it serves.
- 3.2 The Code is delivered through Vision 2026, the Community Plan, the Constitution, local government legislation and the Council's codes, policies and procedures.
- 3.3 The updated Code of Good Governance was agreed by Cabinet on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 and Council on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008. Promotion and awareness are important to ensure all members and employees are aware of its contents and the Council's expectations.
- 3.4 This leaflet is part of that promotion process. In addition there will be bulletin items and a slot at a managers briefing. It has already been incorporated into member training.
- 3.5 The leaflets have been reviewed by Group Leaders prior to presentation to this meeting.

## **4 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- 4.1 Cabinet 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008  
Council 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008

## **5      OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

<b>AREA</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Equal Opportunities	Good Governance ensures equal opportunities for all within and outside the Council.
Environmental Impact	Good Governance will ensure that Council policies and procedures are being followed including those with any environmental implications.
Legal Implications	A Good Governance Guide for employees and elected members has the benefit of providing a reminder of obligations that the Council has to meet legal requirements, such as those set out in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (as amended). The Guide also acts as a reminder of obligations upon employees and elected members, such as the requirement for elected members to comply with the Members' Code of Conduct as set out in the Council's Constitution.
Links with Corporate Priorities	Good Governance will ensure that the Council delivers its services to meet its objectives providing leadership, accountability and high standards.
Risks and Opportunities	Good Governance encompasses risk management and making sure that the Council makes decisions with the full knowledge of the associated risks and opportunities. The risks of not reviewing and updating our governance arrangements have been addressed by this update.
Financial Implications	There are no financial implications for this report. The awareness and any promotional costs arising following adoption will be met from within the existing corporate governance budget.
Ward Implications	Governance affects all the Council's activities and will therefore affect all Council Wards.

## **6      BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Local Code of Corporate Governance 2006  
The Good Governance Standard for Public Services  
CIPFA/SOLACE – Delivering Good Governance in Local Government – Framework and Guidance.

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