

## Delivering Good Governance in Telford & Wrekin Council

### Local Code 2016

#### Definition:

**Governance comprises the arrangements put in place to ensure that the intended outcomes for stakeholders are defined and achieved.**

In order for the Members and Employees<sup>1</sup> of Telford & Wrekin to deliver good governance whilst working to achieve the Council's objectives they must **act in the public interest at all times.**

***PUBLIC INTEREST PRINCIPLES - Acting in the public interest requires a commitment to and effective arrangements for:***

- A. Behaving with integrity, demonstrating strong commitment to ethical values (including the Council's values<sup>2</sup>), and respecting the rule of law.
- B. Ensuring openness and comprehensive stakeholder engagement (including with individual citizens, service users and institutional stakeholders)

**Achieving good governance also requires a commitment to and effective arrangements for:**

- C. Defining outcomes in terms of sustainable economic, social, and environmental benefits
- D. Determining and planning the actions necessary to optimise the achievement of the intended outcomes
- E. Developing the Council's capacity, including the capability of its leaders and the individuals within it. This includes ensuring effective relationships and a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of Member and officers.
- F. Managing risks, performance and data through robust internal control and strong public financial management.
- G. Implementing good practices in transparency, reporting, and assurance (including audit) to deliver effective accountability.

<sup>1</sup> Employees includes partners, joint arrangements and volunteers.

<sup>2</sup> Fairness & Respect: Ownership: Openness & Honesty; Involvement