

2 May 2018**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, FINANCE, PROCUREMENT &
IMPROVEMENT****LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ANNUAL
GOVERNANCE STATEMENT – 2017/18****Purpose of the Report**

1. To review the Local Code of Corporate Governance for Nottinghamshire County Council, and to seek approval for the proposed Annual Governance Statement 2017/18.

Information and Advice

2. The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 require the Authority to review the effectiveness of its system of internal control and publish an Annual Governance Statement, prepared in accordance with proper practices in relation to internal control.
3. The focus of the Annual Governance Statement is to assess the extent to which the Council's Local Code of Corporate Governance has been complied with in 2017/18. The opportunity is also taken to review and update the content of the Local Code.
4. Review of the Local Code has identified that only minor amendments are required. These reflect the establishment of the revised committee structure from May 2017, publication of the Council's revised strategic plan, 'Your Nottinghamshire, Your Future', and implementation of the Planning & Performance Management Framework.
5. The Annual Governance Statement has been drawn up on the basis of a range of evidence sources:
 - The outcomes of the quarterly governance meetings of the three statutory officers (Chief Executive, the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Financial Officer);
 - Assurance statements received from Corporate Directors and other key officers regarding the operation of the governance framework during 2017/18 in their areas of responsibility
 - Other evidence supplied by relevant officers or obtained from the Council's website to support the assessment of specific aspects of the Code.

The draft Statement has been endorsed by the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer.

6. The Annual Governance Statement, once approved, is published alongside the Statement of Accounts 2017/18.

Other Options Considered

7. The requirement to publish an annual governance statement is set out in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011. No other options are available.

Reason for Recommendation

8. To set out how the Authority has met its governance responsibilities for 2017/18.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the Committee approves the updated Code of Corporate Governance
- 2) That the Committee approves the Annual Governance Statement 2017/18 and makes any comments or recommendations which it considers ought to be included in the statement.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 10/04/2018)

Governance and Ethics Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (SES 09/04/18)

There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972:

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All