

# Code of Corporate Governance

Developed in accordance with the Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework 2016 (the Good Governance Framework) published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers (SOLACE).

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# What we mean by governance

The arrangements put in place to ensure that the intended outcomes for stakeholders are defined and achieved

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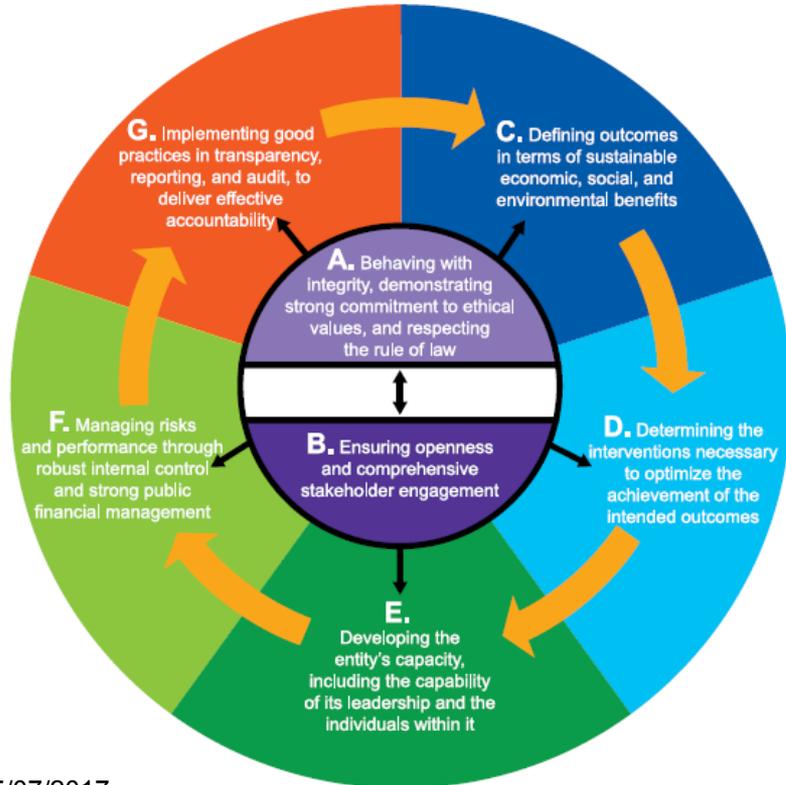
How the council makes sure it

- does the right things
- in the right way
- for the right people

# Why we have published this Code

- To demonstrate how our governance framework conforms to principles of good governance
- Because the council believes that good governance leads to good
  - management
  - performance
  - stewardship of public money
  - public engagement
  - outcomes for citizens and service users

# How we compare our arrangements to good governance principles



Our Corporate Risk Assurance Framework maps our policies, processes and risks to the good governance principles set out in this diagram\*.

\* Originally from the International Framework: Good Governance in the Public Sector (CIPFA/IFAC, 2014) and adopted by the Good Governance Framework

# How we make sure our arrangements are working



We use the 'three lines of defence model' to assess the effectiveness of our policies and procedures and to make sure our risks are addressed

# How we report compliance with this code

- Officers prepare an Annual Governance Statement (AGS) that
  - meets the requirements of the Good Governance Framework
  - includes an opinion on the council's governance arrangements
  - sets out actions to make improvements
- The AGS is then
  - approved by the Audit & Standards Committee
  - signed by the Chief Executive and the Council Leader
  - published with our statement of accounts