

APPENDIX C

CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

OBJECTIVES

- To demonstrate good corporate governance practice for service users and partners
- To raise awareness of good governance practices with officers and members.

WHO WANTS TO KNOW?

It is not felt that every member of the Community, partner or customer wants or needs to know about the Council's Corporate Governance policy. However, for the ad-hoc enquirer it is appropriate for the Code of Corporate Governance, and Annual Governance Statement to be on the Council's website.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

Members of staff and Councillors need to be aware of the Code of Corporate Governance and general principles of Good Corporate Governance. It is proposed to consider these two groups separately.

Members:

All new members to sign that they have received the members Code of Conduct.

Induction session (every 4 years) to cover

- Corporate Governance - what it is, and our Code
- The Annual Governance Statement

Officers:

All Heads of Service to have a briefing from the Deputy Chief Executive on Corporate Governance as part of induction.

Senior Officers' Meeting to have a session every 3 years on 'The role of statutory officers to cover:

- The key roles of each of the three statutory officers
- The key elements of the Governance framework
- Key financial regulations
- The concept of vires, and how to ensure lawful activity
- The concept of management control as a key part of governance
- The Code of Corporate Governance and the Annual Governance Statement