
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The annual review of our compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance was previously undertaken and reported into Committee in July by the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services). In future, the Corporate Policy Manager will undertake the task with Internal Audit reporting on progress.
- 1.2 Best Practice Guidance around Corporate Governance is currently being amended and, therefore, it seems appropriate to await details of this before undertaking a formal review and reporting into Committee.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Following a report to the former Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the 15 December 2005 a follow-up on Corporate Governance was originally scheduled for July 2006.
- 2.2 The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIDFA)/Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) best practice guidance on Corporate Governance is currently being updated with a consultation document being circulated at the CIPFA Conference (June 2006). At present a timeframe is not known for when the final guidance will be available, but it is hoped that by September there will be sufficient clarity to undertake the next annual review with a report into Members.

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- 3.1 Subject to the new guidance being available, the Corporate Policy Manager will review compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance reporting into the Audit Committee on 27 September 2006. It is also proposed that the September meeting will include an update from Internal Audit on overall compliance and there will be a more detailed report on those areas identified as receiving the lowest scores by Internal Audit to the meeting on the 9 November 2006.
- 3.2 The Audit Committee will also receive a report on the progress of Risk Management at the 9 November 2006 meeting. This follows on from the report presented to the Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the 13 April 2006. Members will be presented with an up to date copy of the Corporate Risk Register and a report on the Divisional Risk Registers. Risk Management is one of three identified Dimensions within the Code of Corporate Governance requiring further work.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES** to receive the annual review of Corporate Governance in September.

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Background Papers:-

None

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