

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE & PROCEDURES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 21 July 2005

### 1 REVIEW OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE POLICY

1.1 This item of business was referred by the Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 21 July 2005 to Full Council with a recommendation that the annual assessment of the Council's Local Code of Corporate Governance be agreed. A copy of the officer's report to the Committee is attached at Appendix A.

1.2 In response to questions posed by Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, the following was noted:-

#### **Dimension 1: Community Focus**

- The Parish Liaison Sub-Committee was involved in the initial work of bridge-building with the Town/Parish Councils.
- The Consultation Panel met once a year.
- The references under the second and third bullet point of section (e) under the column headed 'Plans for Improvement' should have indicated '2006' budget and 2006/7 Performance Plan.

#### **Dimension 2: Service Delivery Arrangements**

- Best value service reviews needed to clearly demonstrate that all equality issues were specifically included and equality policies needed to be kept under review.

#### **Dimension 3: Structure and Processes**

- The well-developed Member training programme would be kept under review by the Standards Committee.
- Compliance with the 'executive Member' role needed to be demonstrated even though this Council operated under the fourth option Committee structure.

1.3 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**

That the annual assessment of the Council's Local Code of Corporate Governance be agreed. (CD(F&ES))

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**Background Papers:-**

None

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