

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Head of Legal Services

TO: Standards Committee 15/6/2011
Civic Affairs Committee 30/6/2011

WARDS: None directly affected

CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE 2010

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Council's Code of Corporate Governance is the system by which the authority directs and controls its functions and relates to its communities. It is reviewed annually.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Standards Committee: To agree any comments on the Corporate Code of Governance that the Committee wants to pass on to Civic Affairs.
- 2.2 Civic Affairs: To note any comments from Standards Committee and agree the Code of Corporate Governance for approval at Full Council on 21nd July.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council adopted a Code of Corporate Governance on 25 April 2002. It has been reviewed annually since then.
- 3.2 In March 2010 the Chartered Institute of Public Finance (CIPFA) published *An Application Note to Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: A Framework*. The application note identifies where local authorities should reflect the requirements of the *Statement on the Role of the Chief Financial Officer* within their local Code of Corporate Governance. To maintain the clarity and a consistent format to the Code these requirements have been included in a schedule that is separate from this Code but is referred to in the evidence included in paragraph 2.3

3.3 There are no significant changes to the Code this year. The Code has been revised to reflect the Council restructuring. There are now references to portfolio plans instead of service plans and the text has generally been updated. The Statement on the Role of the Chief Financial Officer has been updated in a similar way.

4. **CONSULTATIONS**

4.1 Officers from Finance, Legal, HR and Corporate Strategy were consulted on changes to the Code as part of the review.

5.1 **IMPLICATIONS**

(a) **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications to this report.

(b) **Staffing Implications**

There are no staffing implications to this report.

(c) **Equal Opportunities Implications**

There are no equal opportunities implications to this report.

(d) **Environmental Implications**

There are no environmental implications to this report.

(e) **Community Safety**

There are no community safety implications to this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS: The following are the background papers that were used in the preparation of this report:

Code of Corporate Governance 2010

Application Note to Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: A Framework: CIPFA March 2010

The Role of the Chief Financial Officer: CIPFA June 2009

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