

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>REVIEW OF CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE</b>
<b>DIRECTORATE:</b>	<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND TOWN CLERK</b>
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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To inform Audit Committee of the outcome of a review of the Code of Corporate Governance adopted in March 2017.

## **2. Executive Summary**

- 2.1 City of Lincoln Council adopted a new Code of Corporate Governance in March 2017, with an agreed first review date of January 2018.
- 2.2 An internal audit was undertaken in autumn 2017 to look at compliance with the code, and as a result of the audit some minor changes to the code itself were identified. These have now been incorporated into the code as part of the review.

## **3. Main Body of Report**

- 3.1 City of Lincoln Council must ensure that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, and that public money is safeguarded, and used economically, efficiently and effectively. It also has a duty under the Local Government Act 1999 to secure continuous improvement in the way our functions are exercised, having regard to economy, efficiency and effectiveness.
- 3.2 In discharging this overall responsibility, the council must put in place proper governance arrangements for our affairs.
- 3.3 A new code consistent with the CIPFA/SOLACE Framework Delivering Good Governance in Local Government was approved by Executive in March 2017, with an agreed review date of January 2018.
- 3.4 An internal audit was undertaken in autumn 2017 to look at compliance with the code, and as a result of the audit some very minor changes to the code itself were also identified. The changes are as follows:
- Changed reference to single data “set” to the "Single Data List" and changed reference to Customer Access Strategy to Customer Experience Strategy
  - Strategic Plan delivery monitoring changed from six monthly to quarterly
- 3.5 These changes have now been incorporated into the code as part of the review (see Appendix A). No further changes are recommended at this time and it is

proposed the next review should be in January 2020.

#### **4. Strategic Priorities**

- 4.1 Vision 2020 and the vision, priorities and core values contained within it form a part of the Code of Corporate Governance.

#### **5. Organisational Impacts**

##### **5.1 Finance (including whole life costs where applicable)**

The Code of Corporate Governance identifies procedures in place to ensure compliance with legislation and reduce risk.

##### **5.2 Legal Implications including Procurement Rules**

The Code of Corporate Governance identifies procedures in place to ensure compliance with legislation and reduce risk.

##### **5.3 Equality, Diversity & Human Rights**

The Code of Corporate Governance identifies procedures in place to ensure compliance with legislation and reduce risk.

#### **6. Recommendation**

- 6.1 That members not the minor amendments and agree the next review date of January 2020.

<b>Is this a key decision?</b>	No
<b>Do the exempt information categories apply?</b>	No
<b>Does Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (call-in and urgency) apply?</b>	No
<b>How many appendices does the report contain?</b>	Two
<b>List of Background Papers:</b>	None

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