

Decision Maker: GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date: 17 July 2013

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 At its meeting on 6th June 2013, the Audit Sub-Committee considered and approved a revised Code of Corporate Governance for adoption by full Council. The revised Code removes some of the duplication in the version previously agreed by Council in April 2011 and takes account of the key elements that need to be included in the Annual Governance Statement.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That Council be recommended to adopt the revised Code of Corporate Governance (appendix 2).

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost:
 2. Ongoing costs:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Internal Audit
 4. Total current budget for this head: £552k including £250 k net cost for fraud partnership
 5. Source of funding: General Fund, Admin subsidy, Admin penalties, legal cost recoveries, provision of sold services to academies.
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 6.4fte, including 0.5fte to cover risk management
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: 208 days per quarter
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory - Government Guidance:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: This report does not involve an executive decision.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 As part of the Annual Governance Statement review opportunity the opportunity has been taken to update the Code of Corporate Governance. Following a review of the *Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework 2007*, to ensure that it remains 'fit for purpose', CIPFA/SOLACE has issued a revised guidance note which is intended to assist authorities in reviewing their governance arrangements. The guidance removes some of the duplication and more operational aspects previously attributable to the 'Role of the Chief Financial Officer' that is currently reflected in our own code which was approved by full Council in April 2011. We have also taken account of the key elements that should be included in the Annual Governance Statement when updating the code.
- 3.2 The revised code consists of four parts -
- An introduction
 - The Code itself
 - A glossary
 - An appendix showing the key policies and processes that underpin Bromley's compliance with the Code
- 3.3 At its meeting on 6th June 2013 the Audit Sub-Committee considered the revised Code, and with one amendment (in Core Principle 1:3, second section) approved it for adoption by full Council.
- 3.4 The new, revised code is attached at [appendix 2](#); a version showing the old code and the changes made by officers and by the Audit Sub-Committee is also attached at [appendix 1](#).

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	