



**REPORT of  
DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY, PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

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**to  
PERFORMANCE, GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE  
30 JULY 2020**

**CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide a revised Code of Corporate Governance for adoption, in line with best practice.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (i) To adopt the draft code of corporate conduct provided as **APPENDIX A**;
- (ii) That Performance, Governance and Audit Committee use this framework as a way to monitor progress of actions set out in the Annual Governance Statement;
- (iii) That a quarterly report of Annual Governance actions is provided for Performance, Governance and Audit committee review.

**3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 The current Code of Corporate Governance published to the Maldon District Council (MDC) website was adopted in 2009  
[https://www.maldon.gov.uk/downloads/file/10213/code\\_of\\_corporate\\_governance](https://www.maldon.gov.uk/downloads/file/10213/code_of_corporate_governance)
- 3.2 Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) a 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government' Framework was updated in 2016, with CIPFA and SOLACE recommending additional/ a change in the areas that should be addressed to ensure good local governance <https://www.cipfa.org/policy-and-guidance/publications/d/delivering-good-governance-in-local-government-framework-2016-edition>
- 3.3 The draft code appended to this report has been created in line with the updated CIPFA guidance and recommended best practice around Good Governance in Local Government, following recent officer attendance at a CIPFA course.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The updated code has been put together in line with best practice, and is intended as a background mechanism for Performance, Governance and Audit committee to review and track the actions associated with the Annual Governance Statement.

#### 5. IMPACT ON STRATEGIC THEMES

- 5.1 The updated governance strategy will support the ‘performance and efficiency’ target set out within our corporate plan, which helps to underpin the strategic delivery.

#### 6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – Good governance will support good public perception of the way MDC delivers its services.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – n/a
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – Clearer governance processes and updated policies will limit our Corporate Risk.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – n/a
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – n/a
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – n/a
- (vii) **Impact on Strengthening Communities** – n/a

Background Papers: Appendix A- Draft code of Corporate Governance

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