

Committee: Scrutiny 2
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Summary

- 1 This reports contains details of the progress towards delivering Corporate Governance within the Council

Background

- 2 Resources Committee on the 20 March 2003 agreed the introduction of a Code of Corporate Governance and that Scrutiny 2 Committee would monitor the progress of the code on a regular basis.
- 3 Governance is the system by which local authorities direct and control their functions and relate to their communities. The aim of good Corporate Governance arrangements should be to instil confidence that the Council has in place a framework to develop and control its activities.
- 4 Resources Committee recognised that the introduction of Corporate Governance was an on-going process that required regular monitoring. The Code of Conduct is in the process of being monitored and an updated copy of the Code will be tabled during Scrutiny 2 on the 1 October 2003.
- 5 Members will note from the updated Code that all functions are in the process of being implemented with a manager accountable for the various strands that make up the Code.
- 6 All authorities have to adopt a Code of Corporate Governance and it is essential that progress towards implementing the Code is regularly reported to Members. For that reason this report recommends that progress implementing the Code of Corporate Governance is reported to Scrutiny 2 twice a year. The reporting will normally be in April and October of each year.

RECOMMEND that

- 1 the comments of Members are sought on the progress with implementing the Code of Corporate Governance
- 2 Scrutiny 2 Committee receive updates on the progress implementing the Code of Corporate Governance twice a year

Background Papers: Corporate Governance Report Resources Committee
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