

---

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 12</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>19 JUNE 2024</b>	<b>CATEGORY: RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES AND TRANSFORMATION</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>MEMBERS’ CONTACT POINT:</b>	<b>CHARLOTTE JACKSON</b> <a href="mailto:charlotte.jackson@south-derbyshire.gov.uk">charlotte.jackson@south-derbyshire.gov.uk</a>	<b>DOC:</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE</b>	<b>REF:</b>
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE: AS 04</b>

---

**1.0 Recommendations**

1.1 That the updated Local Code of Corporate Governance as detailed in Appendix 1 is approved.

**2.0 Purpose of Report**

2.1 For the Committee to consider and approve the Local Code of Corporate Governance, which is a requirement of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

**3.0 Detail**

3.1 The Local Code of Corporate Governance describes the arrangements in place to ensure that the council conducts its business in accordance with the law and proper standards, and that public money is safeguarded, properly accounted for and used economically, efficiently and effectively. The local code aligns with the requirements of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA) and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) joint guidance on corporate governance.

3.2 The Local Code for South Derbyshire District Council was last reviewed and updated in 2023, where a self-assessment was also undertaken. Typically, the code has been reviewed annually and updated in the Council’s Constitution. Going forward, the Section 151 Officer will undertake an annual self-assessment of the Council’s governance arrangements against the CIPFA/SOLACE framework as part of the Annual Governance Statement. The Local Code of Corporate Governance will only be reviewed where new or revised guidance deems it necessary to do so, otherwise the code will be maintained as core part of the Council’s Constitution.

3.3 The revised Local Code of Corporate Governance is set out Appendix 1 for approval. Following approval by the Audit Sub-Committee the code will be made publicly available via publication in the Constitution, available on the Council’s website.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

##### **Employment Implications**

5.1 None

##### **Legal Implications**

5.2 None

##### **Council Plan Implications**

5.3 There are no direct priorities identified in the Council Plan (2024 to 2028). However, “good governance” underpins everything that the Council carries out and ensuring a robust system of corporate governance is a key corporate indicator which demonstrates that the Council is operating on a sound basis.

##### **Risk Impact**

5.4 None directly.

#### **6.0 Community Implications**

##### **Consultation**

6.1 None required.

##### **Equality and Diversity Impact**

6.2 None

##### **Social Value Impact**

6.3 Not applicable

##### **Environmental Sustainability**

6.4 Not applicable

#### **7.0 Background Papers**

7.1 Delivering Good Governance in Local Government; Framework and Guidance Notes 2016 Edition. (Published by CIPFA and SOLACE)