

Corporate Governance Policy Statement

(incorporating information governance)

Policy objectives

We will:

1. commit to making sure the business of the Authority and the Service is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, and that public money is safeguarded, properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively
2. ensure good governance is embedded throughout the organisation and we will aim for continuous improvement in delivering the services we provide
3. adopt the principles of 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government' Framework 2016 produced by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE)
4. comply with Data Protection legislation, the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
5. make sure the public has faith in our information and how we manage it by complying with our legal responsibilities and meeting industry standards; minimising the risk of unauthorised access to our information and embedding good information governance in all that we do
6. ensure we have an established information security management system in place that adequately protects our information and ensures we mitigate any threats and risk exposures, including the threat of cyber security
7. ensure that our communications and engagement is well coordinated and well targeted and complying with our equality, diversity and inclusion policy
8. share information securely with our partners, improving prevention and response activity, and ensure data sharing is managed in accordance with the requirements of Data Protection legislation.

Compliance and assurance

The Authority delegates these policy objectives to the Chief Fire Officer; Clerk & Monitoring Officer and Treasurer who will be collectively responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy through maintaining a constitution comprising of standing orders; financial regulations; contract and procurement standing orders; scheme of delegations to officers; along with a suite of supporting procedures. The Deputy Chief Fire Officer will be responsible for coordinating the annual review of these arrangements to demonstrate compliance with the principles of 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government' Framework 2016 produced

by CIPFA and SOLACE. This will support the Statement of Assurance required under the National Framework for Fire and Rescue Services and the Annual Governance Statement required under the Accounts and Audit regulations both of which will be approved by the Finance and Governance Committee. We will also assure through reports received and judgements made by external auditors and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS).

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