



Corporate Governance Policy Statement

The Authority will aim to ensure that the Service:

1. Conducts the business of the Authority and the Service in accordance with the law and proper standards and that public money is safeguarded, properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively. To support this, it will 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).
2. Maintains a strong link between effective strategic planning and governance and appropriate Member development.
3. Has good information governance arrangements to support the priorities and comply with its statutory obligations such as the data protection legislation, the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.
4. Shares information securely with its partners to improve prevention, protection and response activity and ensures that data sharing is managed in accordance with the requirements of Data Protection legislation.
5. Has an information security management framework in place that adequately protects the information it holds and mitigates any cyber security threats and other risk exposures.
6. Proactively identifies and manages organisational risks effectively.
7. Has robust, best practice business continuity arrangements in place to comply with the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.
8. Drives continuous improvement and risk mitigation measures through sound management and engagement of independent external and internal audit regimes.
9. Provides a process so that possible malpractice can be confidently reported and objectively investigated.
10. Engages in coordinated and targeted internal and external communications and complies with its responsibilities under equality, diversity and inclusion 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 Authority. The Service will also assure through reports received and judgements made by external auditors and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services

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