
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

30th May 2024

Audit and Scrutiny Committee

Title: Code of Corporate Governance Statement 2024/25

Purpose: To seek approval of Code of Corporate Governance Statement for the Financial Year 24/25

Recommendation: That the Audit and Scrutiny Committee agrees to: (a) Review and approve the Code of Corporate Governance Statement 2024/25.

1. Executive Summary

1.1 This report provides details of how we ensure good governance, including clear accountability for delivering the desired outcomes for service users and communities. Appendix 1 provides our 'Code of Corporate Governance Statement 2024/25'.

2. Background

2.1 All local authorities have a statutory requirement to report publicly on the extent to which they comply with their own Code of Governance on an annual basis, including how they have monitored and evaluated the effectiveness of their governance arrangements in the year and considered planned changes in the coming period.

2.2. The 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework' (CIPFA/Solace 2016) applies to annual governance statements. It helps local government take responsibility for developing and shaping an informed approach to governance and aims to achieve the highest standards in a measured and proportionate way. The Framework is intended to assist authorities individually in reviewing and accounting for their own unique approach.

2.3. The overall aim is to ensure that:

- Resources are directed in accordance with agreed policy and according to priorities.
- There is sound and inclusive decision making.
- There is clear accountability for the use of those resources in order to achieve desired outcomes for service users and communities.

2.4. Appendix 1 contains our Code of Corporate Governance Statement 2024/25 which aligns to the Framework and demonstrates how we are ensuring good governance and transparent accountability.

3. Proposals

3.1 The Audit and Scrutiny Committee is requested to (a) Review and approve the Code of Corporate Governance Statement 2024/25.

4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty

Financial

4.1 None.

Human Resources

4.2 None.

Legal

4.3 None.

Equality/Socio-economic

4.4 None.

Environmental and Sustainability

4.5 None.

Key Priorities

4.6 Effective governance is key to delivering our priorities outlined within our Council Plan 2023-28, specifically the Sustainable Council priority.

Community Wealth Building

4.7 None.

5. Consultation

5.1 The Executive Leadership Team were involved in the creation of the Code of Corporate Governance.

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Background Papers

None.