

Corporate Governance Committee

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Venue:	Committee Room 1 - Wallasey Town Hall

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AGENDA

1. MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to consider whether they have a personal or prejudicial interest in connection with any of the items on this agenda and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The initial Terms of Reference of the Corporate Governance Committee as recommended by AKA in the Corporate Governance Report, are as follows:

Assessing and reporting on the Council's current performance against seven Corporate Governance questions:

1. How well are the authority's policies implemented in practice?
2. How well are the authority values and ethical standards met?
3. How well are laws and regulations complied with?
4. How well are required processes adhered to?
5. Are financial statements and other published information accurate and reliable?
6. Are human, financial and other resources managed efficiently and effectively?
7. Are high-quality services delivered efficiently and effectively?

Identifying and agreeing recommendations that will address existing shortfalls and/or deliver improvements required by Sector Self Regulation and Improvement and existing CIPFA guidance setting out what good governance looks like.

Agreeing, initiating and overseeing the individual work streams and coordinating the collective work programme required to deliver the Wirral MBC “Taking the Lead” initiative.

Agreeing and monitoring “delivery trajectories” for each work stream.

Making regular progress and performance reports to the Cabinet and Scrutiny functions.

Where necessary, seeking approval to make changes that impact positively on Corporate Governance and, if required, making recommendations to the appropriate governance body authorised to make such changes.

Reporting to the full Cabinet and/or full Council with feedback reports and/or recommendations as appropriate.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (Pages 1 - 10)

4. COMPREHENSIVE WORK PROGRAMME

Report of the Chief Executive to follow

5. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT

Report of the Director of Finance to follow

6. REVIEW OF LEGAL AND COMMITTEE SERVICES

Report of the Director of Law, HR and Asset Management to follow

7. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT (Pages 11 - 44)

8. POLICY UNIT (Pages 45 - 48)

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS (Pages 49 - 50)

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR