

# FOREWORD TO THE COUNCILS CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

**Report By: Audit Services Manager**

## Wards affected

County-wide.

## Purpose

To note the draft foreword to the Code of Corporate Governance (Appendix 1 refers).

## Considerations

1. The Audit and Corporate Governance Committee previously reviewed and commented on the draft Code of Corporate Governance on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2006.
2. The Committee requested that the Director of Resources prepare a foreword to the code.
3. The draft foreword will form part of the previously submitted Code of Corporate Governance and be presented to the Standards Committee and Cabinet.

## Risk Management

4. Although there is no risk in relation to the foreword to the Code, if the Council does not adopt a Code of Corporate Governance in line with good practice it could impact adversely on the Councils aspirations to improve its Use of Resources Internal Control Score.

**RECOMMENDATION**    **THAT the foreword be submitted to Cabinet for approval, subject to agreement with the Standards Committee.**

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

- CIPFA guidance on the Statement of Internal Control.