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Document/Function	Core Principles of Corporate Governance					
	Focusing on the purpose of the authority and on outcomes for the community and creating and implementing a vision for the local area	Members and officers working together to achieve a common purpose with clearly defined functions and roles	Promoting values for the authority and demonstrating the values of good governance through upholding high standards of conduct and behaviour	Taking informed and transparent decisions which are subject to effective scrutiny and managing risk	Developing the capacity and capability of members and officers to be effective	Engaging with local people and other stakeholders to ensure robust public accountability
Sustainable Community Strategy	✓					√
Local Area Agreement	√					✓
Constitution		✓		✓		✓
Service Planning Framework	✓	✓			✓	√
Business Transformation Projects	✓	✓		√	√	
Community Engagement Strategy	✓				✓	√
Communication Strategy	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
ICT Strategy	✓		✓		✓	✓
Human Resources Strategy		√	√		✓	
Performance Management Framework	√	√	√		✓	
Schedule of Council Meetings				✓		√
Council Procedure Rules			✓			
Record of Decisions		✓		✓		✓
Partnership Working Toolkit	✓	✓	~	√	✓	√
Code of Conduct for Members				√	✓	

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Members Induction and				√	✓	
Training Programme						
Code of Conduct for				✓	✓	
Employees						
Officer and Member		✓	✓			
Protocols						
Confidential Reporting				✓	✓	
Policy						
Code of Corporate	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Governance						
Risk Management				✓		
Strategy						
Anti-fraud and				✓		
Corruption Policy						
Capital		✓		✓		
Programme Methodology						
Information Governance	√		✓	✓	✓	✓
Policy						
Procurement Strategy	√	✓	✓	✓		✓
Contract Procedure Rules	✓	√	✓	✓		✓
Medium Term Financial	√	✓		✓		✓
Plan/Budgets						
Treasury Management		✓		✓		✓
Framework						
Annual Statement of	✓					✓
Accounts						
Financial Procedure	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Rules						
Scheme of Delegation		✓		✓	✓	
Complaints Process	✓		✓	✓		✓
Social Inclusion Strategy	✓		✓			✓
Equalities Plan	✓		✓			✓
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DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION – SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY (SCS)

IMPLEMENTATION					
Target Population	Members, Managers, Staff, LSP Partne	ers and Public			
Duty	To have a long term Sustainable Comm 2000 & 2007	nunity Strategy for the borou	gh in accordance with duties under the Loc	cal Governments Acts	
Training	General awareness raising for all - plus enhanced training and support for key stakeholders (Board Members/ Lead Officers etc.)				
Requirements	r in the second	g			
Lead Officer	Chief Executive of LSP and secretariat				
PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO	
AWARENESS (keeping it live in people's minds)	Copy of adopted SCS distributed to all Members, Managers and Teams.	April 2008	Member and officer awareness of purpose and content of strategy.	LSP Secretariat	
people o minus)	Copy available on internet and intranet.	April 2008	LSP understands and owns the SCS. Other partners aware of strategy purpose		
	Ongoing reference in induction training for Members and staff.	Ongoing	and content. Public awareness of existence of strategy.		
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Regular reports to LSP Board and periodically to Cabinet and Council as appropriate.	Bi-monthly to LSP Cabinet/ Council as necessary.	Delivery against strategy vision, and themed priorities checked and challenged.	LSP Secretariat	
REVIEW (keeping it up to date)	Sustainable Community Strategy adopted as a medium term document. Fundamental review every 3-5 years.	(SCS) Every 3-5 years.	Sustainable Community Strategy remains up to date and relevant.	LSP Secretariat	
	The LAA (as the delivery document of the SCS) will however be subject to annual review and refresh.	(LAA) Third and fourth quarter of each financial year.			

Target Population	Members, Managers, Staff, LSP Partne	ers and Public				
Duty		or the Sustainable Communit	ty Strategy in accordance with guidance ar	d duties under the		
	Local Government Act 2007					
Training	General awareness raising for all – plus enhanced training and support for key stakeholders (Board Members/ Lead Officers)					
Requirements						
Lead Officer	Chief Executive of LSP and secretariat					
PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO		
AWARENESS	Copy of adopted LAA distributed to all	April 2008	Member and officer awareness of purpose	LSP Secretariat		
(keeping it live in people's minds)	Members, Managers and Teams.		and content of the LAA.			
	Copy available on internet and intranet.	April 2008	LSP understands and owns the LAA.			
	Ongoing reference in induction training	Ongoing	Other partners aware of LAA purpose			
	for Members and staff.		and content.			
			Public awareness of existence of Agreement.			
MONITORING	Regular reports to LSP Board and	Bi-monthly to LSP.	Delivery against SCS themed priorities,	LSP Secretariat		
(keeping it effective – recording when it	periodically to Cabinet as Accountable Body.	Quarterly/ half yearly to Cabinet (frequency to be	actions and performance targets checked and challenged.			
happens)		determined once adopted).				
REVIEW	The LAA as the delivery document of	Monitoring reports at the	Local Area Agreement remains up to date	LSP Secretariat		
(keeping it up to date)	the SCS will be subject to annual review	half-year and end of the full	and relevant with SMART targets.			
	and refresh. Monitoring reports will be produced in collaboration with Government Office North East.	financial year positions is most likely.				
	Government Office North East.	Annual review and refresh				
		in the third and fourth				
		quarter of each financial				
		year.				

IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	Members and Senior Officers
Duty	To ensure that the relative roles and responsibilities of Cabinet and other Members generally and Senior Officers are clearly
	defined.
	To develop and maintain a scheme of delegated powers which should include a formal schedule of those matters specifically reserved for the collective decision of the authority.
	To put in place clearly documented and understood management processes for policy development, implementation and reviews for
	decision-making; and formal procedural and financial regulations to govern the conduct of the business of the Council.
	To ensure that the role of the Cabinet Member is formally defined, to include responsibility for providing effective strategic
	leadership to the authority and for ensuring that the authority successfully discharges its overall responsibilities for the activities of
	the organisation as a whole.
	To ensure that the roles and responsibilities of all Members of the authority, together with the terms of their remuneration and its
	review, are defined clearly.
	To ensure that a Senior Officer is made responsible to the authority for ensuring that agreed procedures are followed and that all
	applicable statutes, regulations and other relevant statements of good practice are complied with.
	To ensure that a Senior Officer is made responsible to the authority for ensuring that appropriate advice is given to it on all
	financial matters, for keeping proper financial records and accounts, and for maintaining an effective system of internal financial
	control.
Training	Member Training Programme, Senior Officer Training
Requirements	
Lead Officer	Borough Solicitor

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS	Copy of Constitution distributed to all	Every four years.	Members and Officers are aware of the	Borough Solicitor
(keeping it live in	Members and Senior Officers and		contents and operation of the	
people's minds)	available on the Internet.		Constitution.	Directors
	Induction training for Members.			
	Available to all other staff.			
	Training provided to all Assistant	Annually or on request	Members and Officers are aware of the	Borough Solicitor
	Directors		contents and operation of the	
	Training available to Departmental		Constitution.	
	Management Teams			

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL

MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Ensuring provisions of Constitution are followed.	Annually.	Constitution is complied with.	Borough Solicitor and Standards Committee
	Committee Reports checked by Legal Services, ensure decision making is at the appropriate level	Ongoing	Constitution and legal requirements complied with	Borough Solicitor
REVIEW (keeping it up to date)	The content of the Constitution is reviewed to reflect necessary amendments.	As and when required and at least annually.	Responsibilities and procedures are updated and remain relevant.	Borough Solicitor and Standards Committee

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION – SERVICE AND CORPORATE PLANNING

IMPLEMENTATION						
Target Population	Managers, Employees, Members					
Duty	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	to the Community Strategy is	translated into a series of actions at corpo	rate, departmental		
	and service level.	and service level.				
Training	Members and Departmental Managem		S.			
Requirements	Corporate Planning Network Meetings					
	Corporate and Senior Managers Work	shops.				
Lead Officer	Policy Manager			Γ		
PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO		
AWARENESS	Managers/ Partners receive a copy of	Annually (April)	Managers aware of and own plans.	Policy Manager		
(keeping it live in people's minds)	full plans for reference.					
	Employees – posters in all rooms and used in team briefings.	Annually (April)	Employees aware of and own plans.			
	Members – Inclusion in training programme and participation in developing and monitoring plans.	Training Programme and Cabinet Forward Plan, Scrutiny Work Plans	Members aware of and own plans.			
	Copies of all plans available on the intranet for reference.	Annually (April)	All plans readily available for reference.			
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Through Performance Management Framework (PMF)	PMF timetable. Periodic reporting to DMTs, Cabinet and Scrutiny Committees	Performance against actions and performance targets checked and challenged. Corrective action taken where necessary.	Policy Manager		

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION – SERVICE AND CORPORATE PLANNING

REVIEW	CMT and DMTs take responsibility for	Ongoing review throughout	Amended and refreshed plans -	Policy Manager
(keeping it up to date)	annual review and refresh in	the year with detailed	incorporating changes in circumstances,	
	consultation with Members.	refresh in the third and	lessons from good practice and resource	
		fourth quarters.	updates.	
	Development through Corporate	Draft Corporate and	Good internal and external audit findings.	
	Managers Network, Senior Managers	Departmental Plans		
	Workshops and Departmental	submitted to Cabinet/		
	Management Teams away days and	Council for approval		
	planning sessions. Corporate Planning			
	Network co-ordinates the process.			

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION – BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION PROJECTS

IMPLEMENTATION						
Target Population	Public, non service users, service users,	stakeholders, senior manager	rs, employees, members			
Duty	Service improvement and Efficiency say	Service improvement and Efficiency savings				
Training	Senior managers – training prior to participation in reviews. Employees – general awareness sessions/communication in Flyer/team					
Requirements	meetings. Members – as part of members	er training programme				
Lead Officer	Programme Manager					
PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO		
AWARENESS (keeping it live in	'Leading Edge' Programme of change incorporated into Corporate Plan	Ongoing	Effective challenge in change projects. Ownership of problems and willingness	Programme Manager		
people's minds)	Corporate Plan/Consultation		to change			
	processes					
	Article in Town Crier					
	Service users/ stakeholders					
	Consultation processes					
	Senior Managers					
	Participation in SMNs					
	Corporate Plan & internet/intranet					
	also source of information					
	Articles in the flyer and team					
	briefings					
	Member training Programme					
	Reports on individual projects					
	Project portfolio highlight report developed & used					
MONITORING	Monitor programme to ensure review	Risk based monitoring	Audit trail in place with regard to the	Programme Manager		
(keeping it effective –	programme commensurate with Council	report to CMT	approval process and progress update			
recording when it	and Community priorities	Improvement plans				
happens)		monitored through PMF and	Monitoring ensures programme reflective			
		Scrutiny	of changing requirements			
		Project briefs, plans and				
		PIDs in place with				
		exception reports for				
		deviation against plan.				

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION – BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION PROJECTS

REVIEW (keeping it up to date)	Methodology assessed to ensure priority areas are reviewed.	Completed	Programme Board Highlight reports	Programme Manager
	Integrated financial and service reporting allows for assessments of performance to be made against each major service area. This judgement, reported to CMT, allows for an intervention based approach to service review, with the degree of intervention depending on the cost effectiveness, performance and procurement options of the service in question.	Quarterly	Subject to review through the monthly programme board	
	Adopted project management methodology - linked to MP2	Completed		

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

IMPLEMENTATION							
Target Population	Public, Members, Managers, Superviso						
Duty			and future requirements of the Council to	deliver effective			
	mechanisms and opportunities in serving the needs of the local community.						
Training		General awareness raising for all - plus enhanced training and support for those directly involved or responsible for delivering					
Requirements	projects involving elements of engagem						
Lead Officer	Head of Connecting with Communities		0.5000	T			
PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO			
AWARENESS	Community Engagement Strategy	Completed	Strategy approved by Cabinet and	Head of Connecting			
(keeping it live in	approved by Cabinet (May 2007) and		available to Members, Managers,	with Communities			
people's minds)	associated appendices published on the intranet.		Supervisors and Staff				
	Updated Work Plan and Project Plan published each year as part of CWC Service Plan.	Annually	Updated plans relating to the Strategy				
	Related training sessions for Members	Annually/ as required.	Members and relevant staff familiar with				
	and relevant officers.		the Council's Connecting with				
			Community Strategy.				
MONITORING	CMT, Departmental Liaison Group and	Monthly	Strategy complied with and modified if	Head of Connecting			
(keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Leading Edge Board – regular reports to these groups.		required.	with Communities			
паррепа	Resources Scrutiny Committee cab ask to receive progress reports	Ad hoc	Compliance and progress checked/ challenged.				
	Periodically, projects, procedures and processes would be subject to review for adequacy by Internal or External Audit.	Ad hoc	Compliance and progress checked and challenged.				
	adequacy by Internal or External Audit.						

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

REVIEW (keeping it up to date)	Community Engagement Strategy and related work plan formally reviewed annually. Any necessary amendments subject to the approval of Assistant Chief Executive or Cabinet, depending upon the degree of change.	Annually	Strategy remains up to date and relevant	Head of Connecting with Communities
	Components of the Engagement Strategy subject to regular review, i.e.: Service Plan, Project Plan, Work Plan	Ongoing	Strategy remains up to date and relevant	

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

IMPLEMENTATION				
Target Population	Public, Managers, Staff, Partners, busin	iesses		
Duty	To have a communications strategy that enhances both internal and external communications with all stakeholders throughout the			
	borough			
Training	General awareness raising for all - plus	enhanced training and suppo	ort for key stakeholders	
Requirements				
Lead Officer	Head of Communications		T	T
PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS	Communications Strategy approved	Completed	Strategy approved. Enhanced	Head of
(keeping it live in	October 2006. Published on Intranet.		communications, both internal and	Communications
people's minds)			external, plus raised awareness.	
	Action plan also published. Regular			
	reporting through Leading Edge			
	Programme Board.			
	Member training programmes.	Ongoing		
	Freduces demands brokenmines			
	Internal Communications Strategy	Currently out to		
	developed from original strategy.	consultation		
MONITORING	Regular reports to Leading Edge Board.	Monthly	Strategy compiled and modified as	Head of
(keeping it effective –	Internal Communications Strategy under		required.	Communications
recording when it	consultation, via Corporate Managers'			
happens)	Network and Senior Managers'	Ad hoc		
	Network.			
REVIEW	Communications Strategy action plans	Annually	To ensure strategy remains up to date and	Head of
(keeping it up to date)	reviewed annually. Key elements	Aimuany	relevant	Communications
(Recping it up to date)	delivered via service planning.		Televant	Communications
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IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	Public, Members, Managers/Supervisors/Staff
Duty	To have a Corporate ICT Strategy to deliver suitable infrastructure and system to the council that meets the current and future
	requirements of the Council and staff to deliver services that meet the needs of the local community
Training	General awareness with key staff in particular projects receiving relevant training and support
Requirements	
Lead Officer	Assistant Director - ICT

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS (keeping it live in people's minds)	ICT Strategy approved by Cabinet (September 2007) and associated appendices published on the Intranet.	Completed	Strategy approved by Cabinet and available to Members, Managers/Supervisors/Staff	Assistant Director - ICT
	Updated Work Plan and Project Plan published each year as part of Service Plan.	Completed.	Updated plans relating to the Strategy	Assistant Director – ICT
	Regular updates to Corporate IT Working Group, Departmental ICT Liaison Groups and Leading Edge Board.	On-going	Update on progress, issues and changes.	Assistant Director – ICT
	Related training sessions for Members and relevant officers.	Annually/as required.	Members and relevant staff familiar with the Council's ICT Strategy.	Assistant Director – ICT
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	CMT, Corporate IT Working Group, Departmental ICT Liaison Groups and Leading Edge Board – regular reports to these groups.	Monthly	Strategy complied with and modified if required.	Assistant Director – ICT
	Resources Scrutiny Committee can ask to receive progress reports.	Ad hoc	Compliance and progress checked/challenged	Assistant Director - ICT

DOCUMENT/FUNCTION - ICT STRATEGY

	Periodically, projects, procedures and processes would be subject to review for adequacy by Internal or External Audit.	Ad hoc	Compliance and progress checked/challenged	Assistant Director – ICT
REVIEW (keeping it up to date)	ICT Strategy and related work plan formally reviewed annually. Any necessary amendments subject to the approval of Director of Corporate Services or Cabinet, depending upon the degree of change.	Annually	Strategy remains up to date and relevant.	Assistant Director - ICT
	Components of the ICT Strategy subject to regular review, i.e.: Project Plan, Work Plan, Technical Infrastructure Strategy (TIS), Application Portfolio Analysis (APA).	On-going	Strategy remains up to date and relevant.	Assistant Director - ICT

IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	Public, Members, Managers/Supervisors/Staff
Duty	To have a Corporate HR Strategy to support the organisation vision and goals that meets the current and future requirements of
	the Council to enable the delivery of services that meet the needs of the local community
Training	General awareness with key staff receiving relevant training and support
Requirements	
Lead Officer	Head of HRM

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS (keeping it live in people's minds)	HR Strategy approved by Cabinet (July 2007) and associated appendices published on the Intranet.	Completed	Strategy approved by Cabinet and available to Members, Managers/Supervisors/Staff	Head of HRM
	Road-shows, Flyer Articles and Communication announcements for employees and members. Leaflet attached to Payslips.	Completed		Head of HRM
	Work Plan and Project Plan published each year as part of Service Plan.	Completed.	Updated plans relating to the Strategy	Head of HRM
	Regular updates to Leading Edge Board.	On-going	Update on progress, issues and changes.	Head of HRM
	Related training sessions for Members and relevant officers.	Annually/as required.	Members and relevant staff familiar with the Council's HR Strategy.	Head of HRM
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Leading Edge Board – regular reports to these groups.	Monthly	Strategy complied with and modified if required.	Head of HRM
	JCC and Resources Scrutiny Committee can ask to receive progress reports.	Ad hoc	Compliance and progress checked/challenged	Head of HRM

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION – HUMAN RESOURCES STRATEGY

	Periodically, projects, procedures and processes would be subject to review for adequacy by Internal or External Audit.	Ad hoc	Compliance and progress checked/challenged	Head of HRM
REVIEW (keeping it up to date)	HR Strategy and related work plan formally reviewed annually. Any necessary amendments subject to the approval of Director of Corporate Services or Cabinet, depending upon the degree of change.	Annually	Strategy remains up to date and relevant.	Head of HRM
	Components of the HR Strategy subject to regular review, i.e.: Service plan, Project Plan, Work Plan.	On-going	Strategy remains up to date and relevant.	Head of HRM

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION – PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (PMF)/LEADING EDGE CORPORATE PLAN/MONITORING REPORTS

IMPLEMENTATION					
Target Population	Members, Senior Managers, Employees	s, Partners, Public			
Duty	To demonstrate continuous improveme	To demonstrate continuous improvement in the delivery of the Council's objectives, especially in service delivery			
Training			nd interpretation of this system and perfo		
Requirements	(Cabinet and Scrutiny), documentation	(including Corporate Plan) a	and reports on the intranet as well as Perfo	rmancePlus briefing	
	books. Access to the live PerformancePl				
			tion of the system and performance report		
			tion (including Corporate Plan) on the int	ranet as well as	
	PerformancePlus briefing books. Access				
	Employees - Reports and other docume				
		lating to the Community Stra	tegy on the Darlington Partnership websit	te and six-monthly	
	reports to the Partnership Board.				
Lead Officer	Public – Summary report on the Counc	cil's website and access to the	Cabinet and Scrutiny reports		
	Assistant Chief Executive				
PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO	
AWARENESS	Continued awareness raising of PMF	As necessary, in particular	Awareness of changes in direction of	Chief Executive	
(keeping it live in	(including new National Indicators and	during service and corporate	performance and achievement or		
people's minds)	LAA). Systematic and regular reporting.	plan production. When new	otherwise of targets amongst all		
		systems are introduced, for	stakeholders.		
		example NI 198.			
			Feedback from external auditors and		
			inspectors to show stakeholders,		
			especially the citizen and Government		
			that the authority performs well.		
MONITORING	Monitoring through individual (PDRs)	As set out in the PMF	Taking action to ensure that the Council	Cabinet, CMT and	
(keeping it effective –	and team meetings, DMTs, CMT,	timetable.	meets challenging targets, against its	Accountable Officers	
recording when it	Cabinet and Scrutiny.	Quarterly combined service	overall aims and specific		
happens)		and financial performance	priorities/initiatives.		
		report			

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION – PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (PMF)/LEADING EDGE CORPORATE PLAN/MONITORING REPORTS

REVIEW	Review and incorporation of good	As and when especially	Improved systems (forms, etc.) to operate	Assistant Chief
(keeping it up to date)	practice from external audit, inspectors	annual to inform the	the PMF, for example to monitor and	Executive
	and process benchmarking.	development of 'new year'	manage the SCS LAA. Improved	
		systems.	reporting processes and documentation.	
			This will be recognised by those who	
			operate the systems, users and external	
			auditors/inspectors.	

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

IMPLEMENTATION

Target Population Public, Members, CMT, Senior Managers

Duty To ensure that Members meet on a formal basis regularly to set the strategic direction of the authority and to monitor service

delivery

Training General awareness amongst Members and Employees

Requirements

Lead Officer Borough Solicitor

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS (keeping it live in people's minds)	Published on website, in Council diaries, on e-mail system, as agreed by Council.	Annually, following Annual Meeting.	The public, Members and employees are aware of the programme of Council meetings.	Borough Solicitor
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Update where meetings re-scheduled or added.	As and when required.	The public, Members and employees are kept up to date.	Borough Solicitor
REVIEW (keeping it up to date)	The schedule is agreed at each Annual Meeting.	May each year.	Public, Members and employees are aware of the schedule of meetings for the forthcoming year.	Borough Solicitor

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	Members, Managers/Supervisors
Duty	To put in place proper arrangements and rules to ensure that the Council operates efficiently, effectively and in accordance with
	recognised standards which comply with statutory requirements and government guidance
Training	Members Induction and Departmental Management Teams Training Sessions
Requirements	
Lead Officer	Borough Solicitor

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PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS	Rules covered at Officer/Member's	On taking up post/seat	% of Members stating that they are aware	Borough Solicitor
(keeping it live in	Induction.		of the content of the Rules which ensure	
people's minds)			the Council complies with appropriate	
	Copies of rules available in seats at all	Every meeting	procedures in the way in which it carries	
	Council Meetings.		out its business.	
	Council Weetings.		out its outsiness.	
	Training for Members on request.	Ongoing	% of Members of DMTs stating that they	
	Training for Weinbers on request.	ongoing	are aware of the content of the Rules.	
			dre dware of the content of the reales.	
	DMT Briefings			Borough Solicitor
	Divit blichings			Dolough Solicitor
MONITORING	Mayor and Dorough Soligitor angura	Every meeting	Pulas complied with	Borough Solicitor
	Mayor and Borough Solicitor ensure	Every meeting	Rules complied with	Bolough Solicitor
(keeping it effective –	compliance with rules at Council			
recording when it	Meetings.			
happens)				
REVIEW	Annual Review by Council with input	May each year	Rules remain up to date and relevant	Borough Solicitor
(keeping it up to date)	from Standards Committee			
	incorporating statutory changes.			

IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	Members, Public, Senior Officers, Auditors
Duty	To ensure that the relative roles and responsibilities of executives and other Members, Members generally and Senior Officers are
	clearly defined
Training	Member Training Programme
Requirements	Senior Officer Training
Lead Officer	Borough Solicitor

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS (keeping it live in people's minds)	Copies of Member decisions available on the Intranet and Council website. Approved at next meeting of relevant body.	Ongoing.	Members, Officers and the public are aware of decisions made by the Council, Cabinet and other decision making bodies.	Borough Solicitor
	Systems for recording delegated decisions made by officers within Departments.	Systems in place	Members, Officers and the public are aware of decisions made by the Council, Cabinet and other decision making bodies.	Directors
	Key Decisions made by officers subject of a decision record available on the Intranet.	System in place	Members, Officers and the public are aware of decisions made by the Council, Cabinet and other decision making bodies.	Borough Solicitor
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Ensuring all Member decisions are adequately recorded. Scrutiny Committee are able to 'call in' decision of Cabinet.	System in place.	All decisions are properly recorded and made publicly available.	Borough Solicitor
REVIEW (keeping it up to date)	The systems are reviewed to check whether improvements can be made to widen circulation.	Annually.	Record systems are updated and improved.	Borough Solicitor

IMPLEMENTATION Target Population Duty	Partners (including LSP), Senior Officers, Members To put in place a system to record that the performance of each partnership in which the Council is involved is monitored and tha adequate governance arrangements are in place.					
Training Requirements Lead Officer			Ceams and specific training for Partnersh	ip Lead Officers		
PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO		
AWARENESS (keeping it live in people's minds)	Partnership toolkit adopted by Cabinet.	Toolkit adopted by Cabinet in March 2007 (Minute Ref. C174/Mar/07)	Council's approach to partnership working formally documented.	Head of Corporate Assurance		
	Toolkit rolled out through Departmental Senior Management Team.	Ongoing	Senior Managers aware and understand the requirements of the Toolkit.	Risk and Insurance Manager		
	Partnership Lead Officers trained in use of the Toolkit.	As required	Partnership Lead Officers aware of understand and are able to complete the Toolkit for the partnerships for which they are responsible.	Risk and Insurance Manager		
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it	Significant partnerships approved by Cabinet.	As required	Member approval to significant partnerships in the knowledge that governance arrangements have been	Directors/Cabinet Portfolio Holders/Chief		

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - PARTNERSHIP WORKING TOOLKIT

	LSP.		reference to the Toolkit and are considered adequate.	Executive of the LSP
	Annual review of other partnerships conducted by Lead Officers and reported to Director.	Annually	Performance and ongoing adequacy of governance arrangements of other partnerships reported to Director.	Lead Officers/Directors
	Usage of Toolkit monitored by the Insurance and Risk Management Section.	Ongoing	Use of Toolkit independently monitored.	Risk and Insurance Manager
REVIEW (keeping it up to date)	Content of Toolkit reviewed.	Annually	Toolkit remains up to date and relevant.	Assistant Chief Executive/Chief Executive of the LSP

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	All Members
Duty	To ensure that all Members are aware of the provisions of the Code, which they must undertake to follow
	To put in place arrangements to ensure that Members are not influenced by prejudice, bias or conflict of interest in dealing with
	different stakeholders and put in place appropriate processes to ensure that they continue to operate in practice
	To put in place arrangements to ensure that procedures and operations are designed in conformity with appropriate ethical
	standards and to monitor their continuing compliance in practice
Training	Members Training Programme
Requirements	
Lead Officer	Borough Solicitor

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS	Members Training Module	Sessions compulsory for	No Complaints upheld against Members.	Borough Solicitor
(keeping it live in	Members Induction	every Member every four	Members able to demonstrate that	
people's minds)	Individual Sessions.	years.	understand the contents of the Code	
		Training top up provided at		
		least annually		
	Name letter to all Manches and Code of	A	Manahana ahla ka dananakan katakahan	D
	Newsletter to all Members on Code of Conduct.	At least twice per year	Members able to demonstrate that they understand the contents of the Code	Borough Solicitor
	Conduct.		understand the contents of the Code	
MONITORING	Standards Committee to consider report	Annually	Report to Council by Standards	Borough Solicitor
(keeping it effective –	from Monitoring Officer.		Committee	
recording when it	-			
happens)	Review entries in the Register of	Every 6 months	Register of Interests up to date and	Borough solicitor
	Members Interests.		complete for all Members	
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	Standards Committee to consider report from MO.	Every 6 months	Standards Committee to make recommendations to Council as a result	Borough Solicitor
	from MO.		of their findings	
			of their initings	

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

REVIEW	Standards Committee to receive reports	Annual	Revisions to the Code as agreed by	Borough Solicitor
(keeping it up to date)	from Monitoring Officer re best practice		Standards Committee and Council	
	and ongoing developments.			

$DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - MEMBER \ INDUCTION \ ARRANGEMENTS/MEMBER \ TRAINING \ \& \ DEVELOPMENT \ PROGRAMME \ MEMBER \ APPRAISALS$

IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	Members of the Council
Duty	To put in place arrangements to ensure that Members are properly trained for their roles and have access to all relevant
	information to enable them to carry out their roles.
Training	Member Induction
Requirements	Officer Training
Lead Officer	Borough Solicitor

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS (keeping it live in	All Members to attend Induction Programme.	After election.	Members understand their roles and the operations of the Council.	Borough Solicitor.
people's minds)	Members Training and Development	5 Sessions p.a.	Members enabled to perform more	
	Programme. Members Appraisals.	Annually.	effectively. Assess needs for training and support.	
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Maintain records of attendance and views on the effectiveness of training.	System in place.	Evidence of attendance in accordance with Council requirements. Amendment to training provision, if required.	Borough Solicitor All Chief Officers
Tagp Cas)	Regular reports to Standards Committee about Member Training and attendance of Members at training sessions	At least annually but in practice more regularly	Evidence of attendance in accordance with Council requirements. Amendment to training provision, if required.	Borough Solicitor
REVIEW (keeping it up to date)	Standards Committee assess attendance records and course assessments.	Annually.	Overview of effectiveness of programme.	Borough Solicitor

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EMPLOYEES

IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	All employees
Duty	To ensure that the responsibilities of all employees in relation to their conduct are defined clearly in writing and are understood
Training	Officer Induction & Training Programme
Requirements	

Lead Officer Borough Solicitor

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS (keeping it live in	Officer Induction	On taking up post	New employees aware of the contents of the Code	Head of HRM
people's minds)	Departmental Team briefings/CETIS	Annually	Other employees aware of the contents of the Code	Borough Solicitor
	Training Programme HR Bulletin	HR Training Programme	All employees aware of the contents of the Code	Head of HRM
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it	Examine declaration of Officer Interests Examine records of offers of gifts and hospitality.	Annually Every 6 months	Assistant Director level completing register of interests Assess numbers of employees offered	Borough Solicitor
happens)			and/or accepting gifts and hospitality	Borough Solicitor
REVIEW (keeping it up to date)	Amend as required by statute and in the light of experience.	As appropriate	Employee Code of Conduct up to date and fit for purpose	Borough Solicitor

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - PROTOCOL OF MEMBER/OFFICER RELATIONSHIPS, INCLUDING DEALING WITH PLANNING MATTERS

IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	Members/Senior Officers/Officers dealing with Planning Matters
Duty	To ensure that Members and Officers recognise their respective roles and acknowledge the implications for supporting political
	leadership for the whole Council
Training	Member Induction, Officer Training
Requirements	
Lead Officer	Borough Solicitor

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS	Included in Constitution.	On induction of Members.	Members and Senior Officers are aware	Borough Solicitor
(keeping it live in			of the content of the Protocol.	
people's minds)		Referred to at induction of		
		newly recruited		
		DMT/Planning Officers.		
MONITORING	Directors responsible for electing DC to	As and when.	Protocol complied with.	Danauah Caliaitan
(keeping it effective –	Directors responsible for alerting BS to any issues arising.	As and when.	Protocol compiled with.	Borough Solicitor
recording when it	any issues arising.			
happens)	BS to monitor.	Annually	Protocol complied with.	Borough Solicitor
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				Committee
REVIEW	Constitution including Protocol is	Annually.	Protocol remains up to date and relevant	Borough Solicitor
(keeping it up to date)	reviewed annually.	-		-
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DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING POLICY - WHISTLEBLOWING

IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	All employees and agents contracting with the Council
Duty	To ensure that all employees and agents are aware of the provisions of the policy
Training	Officer Induction and Training Programme
Requirements	
Lead Officer	Borough Solicitor

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS (keeping it live in people's minds)	Officer Induction.	On taking up post	New employees aware of the contents of the policy and the hotline	Borough Solicitor
	Departmental Team briefings and CETIS. Posters and awareness raising publicity.	Ongoing	Other employees aware of the contents of the policy and the hotline	Borough Solicitor
	Whistleblowing Hotline.	Established		
	Informing agents and providing copy of policy.	On entering into arrangements with the Council	Agents aware of the policy	Officers dealing with agents
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it	Standards Committee review of Ethical Health Indicators.	Six monthly	Use of the Confidential Report Policy is regular and appropriate	Borough Solicitor
happens)	Examine records of use of policy.	Annually	Assess numbers of employees/agents using the policy	Borough Solicitor
REVIEW (keeping it up to date)	Standards Committee to monitoring effectiveness of policy.	Annually	Adjustments made to policy as result of monitoring	Borough Solicitor

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	Public, Members, Managers, Staff
Duty	To put in place a Local Code that demonstrates the Council's commitment to the core principles of good governance and outlines
	how that commitment will be met.
Training	General awareness raising with staff and the public
Requirements	
Lead Officer	Head of Corporate Assurance

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS (keeping it live in people's minds)	Local Code adopted.	Original Local Code adopted in 2002	Council's commitment to good corporate governance demonstrated together with how that commitment will be met.	Head of Corporate Assurance
	Local Code covered at Officer/Member Induction and in CETIS on-line training.	On taking up post/seat	Staff and Members aware and understand the requirements of the Local Code.	Borough Solicitor/Head of Corporate Assurance
	Local Code module delivered as part of the members Training and Development Programme.	Annually	Members aware and understand the requirements of the Local Code.	Borough Solicitor
	Area on the Intranet devoted to Corporate Governance.	Completed	Staff and Members aware and understand the requirements of the Local Code.	Head of Corporate Assurance
	Local Code available through the Constitution and on-line on the Council's website.	Completed	Public aware of the Council's commitment to good corporate governance and how this commitment will be met.	Borough Solicitor
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Application and effectiveness of the Local Code monitored through a half-yearly report to the Audit Committee and publication of the Annual Governance Statement.	Half-yearly/ Annually	Application and effectiveness of the Local code reported to Members and the public.	Governance Framework Officer Group

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

	REVIEW	Local code reviewed as and when	Annually	Local Code remains up to date and	Borough
- ((keeping it up to date)	necessary but as a minimum, annually as		relevant.	Solicitor/Head of
		part of the review of the Council			Corporate Assurance
		Constitution.			•

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Members, Managers/Supervisors.
To develop and maintain robust systems for identifying and evaluating all significant risks which involve the participation of all
those associated with planning and delivering services.
Training for Departmental Risk Champions. Members and Departmental Management Teams Training Sessions.
Head of Corporate Assurance

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS (keeping it live in people's minds)	Risk Management Strategy and Implementation Plan originally agreed by Cabinet.	September 2002.	Risk Management Process approved (Min. C97/Sep/2002) Approved (Min C125/Jan/2007)	Head of Corporate Assurance
	Risk Management Strategy reviewed and updated.	January 2007		
	Risk Awareness Sessions for Members and Senior Managers.	Module on Annual Members Development Programme Ongoing training for senior officers	Understanding of the Risk Management Process.	Head of Corporate Assurance
	Training of Departmental Risk Champions in the Risk Management Methodology.	Original training in December 2002 Ongoing training as part of annual Service Planning Process	Effective adoption of the Risk Management Methodology.	Head of Corporate Assurance

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

	Risk management process incorporated into Service Planning Guidance.	Processes incorporated within Guidance	Integration of Risk Management into existing processes.	Policy Manager
	Risk assessment processes incorporated by Departments within their Service Planning arrangements.	Processes incorporated within Services Plans.	Risk reflected in Departmental Service Plans.	Head of Corporate Assurance/Planning Network Officers
	Development of Intranet Service to assist/inform Members and Senior Managers.	In place - ongoing development	Intranet Service continuously updated to assist the risk management process.	Head of Corporate Assurance
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Departmental Service Plans and Corporate Plan, which reflect an analysis of risk, prepared and approved by Cabinet.	Annually.	Risk analysis incorporated into Departmental Service Plans and Best Value Performance Plan.	CMT/Planning Network Officers
	Departmental Service Plans and Corporate Plan Indicators/Targets monitored via Performance Management Framework.	Annually.	Position statements against planned indicators/targets.	CMT/Planning Network Officers
	Risk Management Reports to the Audit Committee	Half yearly	Annual Risk Management Report, progress reports and emerging risks reported to Audit Committee.	Head of Corporate Assurance
REVIEW (keeping it up to date)	Risk Management Strategy reviewed annually. Any necessary amendments subject to the approval of Audit Committee.	Annually.	Risk Management Strategy remains up to date and relevant.	Head of Corporate Assurance

IMPLEMENTATION Tanget Paraleties		Marrah aug			
Target Population Duty	Public, Employees, Senior Managers, Members To put in place arrangements which demonstrate the Council's zero tolerance approach to fraud and corruption. To ensure awareness of, and compliance with, the content of the Council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy ad Strategy and Proceeds of Crime (POCA) (Anti-Money Laundering) Policy				
Training	Officers and Members Induction and T	Training Programme, Departi	mental Management Teams Training Sessi	ons	
Requirements					
Lead Officer	Head of Corporate Assurance				
PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO	
AWARENESS (keeping it live in people's minds)	Member approval of anti-fraud and corruption arrangements comprising an Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy Statement and Strategy, Anti-Money Laundering Policy and a Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit Anti-Fraud Policy, Strategy and Sanctions Policy.	Arrangements originally approved by Council in September 2005 (Minute Ref. C48/Sep/05) and updates approved by the Audit Committee in December 2006 (Minute Ref. A24/Dec/07)	Member endorsement of zero tolerance approach to fraud and corruption and associated arrangements.	Head of Corporate Assurance	
	Arrangements and guidance on the prevention of fraud publicised on the Intranet.	Ongoing	Staff and Member awareness raised on anti-fraud and corruption matters.	Audit Manager	
	Arrangements covered in CETIS on line training.	Ongoing	Staff and Members understanding of the arrangements demonstrated.	Head of Performanc and Development/Audit Manager	
	Training Sessions for relevant identified employees.	Ongoing Initial sessions delivered in May 2006	Targeted training for relevant staff covering the arrangements in more detail.	Audit Manager	

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY

	Publicity covering fraud and housing benefit fraud, for example in council tax wall planner posters in Council buildings articles in the Flyer magazine	Ongoing	Public, staff and Member awareness of Council's zero tolerance approach to fraud and corruption.	Audit Manager
	Internet web page to be developed.	March 2008	Public awareness raised on the Council's zero tolerance approach to fraud and corruption.	Audit Manager
	Dedicated 24 hour telephone line and email address to enable the public and employees to notify the Council of suspected fraud and corruption.	Established	Access readily available to enable the public and staff to report suspected fraud and corruption (in confidence).	Audit Manager
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Annual report(s) on the outcomes from the Council's anti-fraud and corruption arrangements presented to the Audit Committee.	Annually	Consideration of outcomes from the Council's anti-fraud and corruption arrangements.	Head of Corporate Assurance/Housing Benefits Manager
REVIEW (keeping it up to date)	Anti-fraud and corruption arrangements reviewed by the Audit Committee.	Annually	Arrangements remain up to date and relevant.	Head of Corporate Assurance

IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	Members and Officers, particularly those involved in management of capital projects; project stakeholders, partners/suppliers and contractors.
Duty	Practicing effective and efficient management of capital projects to ensure that project outcomes are delivered within specified time and cost parameters and designed in accordance with stakeholder expectations.
	Ensuring that projects are managed and implemented in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules, Financial Procedure Rules and the new Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007.
	Ensuring that project management roles and responsibilities are clearly defined and assigned; that management structures and processes are properly developed, available and understood, and followed by project managers
	Allocating responsibility and accountability for the overall management of the Council's capital programme, and ensuring that it is managed effectively within resource limits.
	Ensuring that planning processes that generate capital projects are co-ordinated and linked into the capital process, with appropriate Member involvement in the origination of programmes and projects.
	Ensuring learning from projects is fed back into the capital process to inform and improve future project management
Training Requirements	Member training; induction and training for all staff involved in capital project management
Lead Officer	Director of Community Services

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS	New capital process currently under	First tranche of guidance	Single capital process that achieves above	Director of
(keeping it live in	development via team representing all	products to be completed	duties	Community Services
people's minds)	areas involved in project management.	mid January 2008		(Capital Process
	Roll-out event to process stakeholders in	Roll-out end of January		Review Sponsor and
	January 2008, to present new process	2008		lead director on
	and guidance.	Further tranches of products		project management)
	Include capital process in future	to be completed March		
	Member training programmes	2008 and May 2008		
	Training for staff and induction for new	Annual Member Training		
	staff to be developed.	New starter induction.		
	Process, guidance and standard	Training cycles to be		
	documents to be available on intranet.	determined		
	Availability to partners/suppliers to be			
	considered`			

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION – CAPITAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT

MONITORING	Ensuring new capital process (when	Ongoing for all	Projects are implemented effectively	Asset Management
(keeping it effective –	implemented) is followed		Time and cost parameters are achieved	Group
recording when it	Ensuring Contract Procedure Rules and		Outcomes are delivered	
happens)	Financial Procedure Rules are followed		Corporate and statutory requirements and	
	in project management.		regulations complied with	
	Ensuring all legal requirements,			
	including CDM Regulations, are			
	followed in project management			
REVIEW	The capital process will be reviewed to	As and when required and	Capital process is up to date and fit for	Asset Management
(keeping it up to date)	reflect statutory changes and	at least annually	purpose	Group/Director of
	national/regional/local drivers			Community Services

IMPLEMENTATION					
Target Population Duty Training Requirements Lead Officer	Senior management, officers, members, public To provide "leading edge" information governance through the implementation of best practice, facilitating efficient business processes, excellent customer service delivery and legislative compliance to create a knowledge management environment. Members, Managers and staff. Head of Corporate Assurance				
PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO	
AWARENESS (keeping it live in people's minds)	Corporate Information Governance Policy and implementation programme approved by CMT.	Completed - November 2007	Formal approved of Policy and Work Programme. Awareness raised amongst senior management of their responsibilities under and importance of information governance	Head of Corporate Assurance	
	Establish Corporate Information Governance Group.	Established - December 2007		Head of Corporate Assurance	
	Strategic framework of policies and procedures, standards and guidance.	From January 2008	Raised awareness amongst Council staff and the public of information governance, particularly information rights legislation and records management.	Head of Corporate Assurance and Corporate Information Governance Group	
	Information governance in Member Development Programmes.	Completed	Raised awareness amongst elected members of their responsibilities under and importance of information governance	Records and	
	Information governance roadshow to business/service management team meetings.	From January 2008	Raised awareness amongst managers of their responsibilities under importance of information governance	Records and Information Manager	
	Staff awareness training in records management and information rights/access to information.	From Spring/Summer 2008	Raised awareness amongst council of their responsibilities under and importance of information governance	Records and Information Manager	

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - INFORMATION GOVERNANCE POLICY

	Staff training in access to information request policies and procedures.	From Spring 2008	Compliance with the requirements of information rights legislation	Records and Information Manager
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Corporate information governance policy project plan and Gantt chart.	In place	Keeping the policy and project plan relevant and effective	Head of Corporate Assurance
(and the supposes	Corporate Information Governance Group and workplan.	In place		Head of Corporate Assurance
	Keeping records of staff and members' attendance to training.	Records maintained	Keeping the training up-to-date, relevant and effective	Records and Information Manager
	Training feedback forms from all attendees.	From Spring/Summer 2008		Records and Information Manager
	Refresher sessions as appropriate	From January 2008	Keeping staff compliant with the requirements of the information rights legislation	Records and Information Manager
REVIEW (keeping it up to date)	Review Corporate Information Governance Policy.	November 2008	Keeping the group and policy's terms of reference and work plan up-to-date	Corporate Information Governance Group
	Review policies and procedures manual.	Spring 2009	Keeping the policies and procedures up-to-date	Records and Information Manager
	Review staff and member's training.	Spring 2009	Keeping the course materials up-to-date	Records and Information Manager

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION – PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	Public, members and officers
Duty	To have a Corporate Procurement Strategy to enable informed decisions to be taken upon the method of delivering services to meet
	the needs of the local community.
Training	Officer Training, Member Training Programme, Partner organisations,
Requirements	
Lead Officer	Head of Strategic procurement and Contract Management

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS	Procurement Strategy available on the	Completed, although	Strategy available to Members, managers,	Head of Strategic
(keeping it live in people's minds)	Council's Intranet and Internet	subject to review	etc.	Procurement and Contract
	Procurement code of practice available on Intranet	As above	Those involved in procurement are aware of the strategy. Practitioners guide also available.	Management
	Corporate Procurement Unit in place, to reflect priority of local authority	From October 2007	Dedicated resource available to support and advise on procurement issues.	
	Training sessions for Members and officers and partners on procurement practices	Ongoing	Members and relevant staff familiar with the Council's procurement processes.	
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Directors are responsible for ensuring that their departmental procedures and processes reflect the requirements of the procurement strategy and that appropriate controls are in place to prevent non-compliance		Strategy complied with	Head of Strategic Procurement and Contract Management
	Linkages identified between transformational change projects and procurement, and awareness/monitoring of joint savings and efficiencies.	Savings monitored six- monthly to CMT		

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION – PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

REVIEW	Procurement Strategy and Code of	Due April 2008 and	To ensure strategy remains up to date and	Head of Strategic	l
(keeping it up to date)	Practice to be reviewed and revised	annually thereafter.	relevant	Procurement and	l
				Contract	l
				Management	l
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DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION – CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES

IMPLEMENTATION				
Target Population	Members, Managers/Supervisors.			
To put in place rules and compliance arrangements to ensure that public funds are used in accordance with stat economically, efficiently and effectively and that Members and employees are not influenced by prejudice, bias interest.				
Training Requirements	Members and Departmental Managemo	ent Teams Training Seminar	s.	
Lead Officer	Borough Solicitor			
PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS (keeping it live in people's minds)	Rules covered at Officer/ Member Induction and in CETIS on line training.	On taking up post/seat	Staff and Members understanding of Rules requirements governing contractual matters in the Council which ensure uniformity of contract administration within an established framework.	Borough Solicitor
	Rules widely available through Constitution and on line on the Council's website.	Refreshed as required after each Annual Council	Staff and Members understanding of Rules requirements governing contractual matters in the Council which ensure uniformity of contract administration within an established framework.	Borough Solicitor
	Procurement Unit provide advice on all new procurements.	Ongoing	Staff and Members understanding of Rules requirements governing contractual matters in the Council which ensure	Head of Strategic Procurement and Contract
	Procurement Guide.	Guide produced and available on the intranet	uniformity of contract administration within an established framework.	Management
	Advice also provided through Internal Audit and Legal Services.	Ongoing	Staff and Members understanding of Rules requirements governing contractual matters in the Council which ensure	Borough Solicitor/Head of Corporate Assuran

uniformity of contract administration within an established framework.

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION – CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES

MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Directors are responsible for ensuring that their Departmental procedures and processes reflect the requirements of the Rules and that appropriate controls are in place to prevent non-compliance. Periodically, such procedures and processes would be subject to review for adequacy by Internal or External Audit.	Controls built into systems	Rules complied with.	Directors Internal Audit
REVIEW (keeping it up to date)	Rules reviewed as and when necessary but as a minimum annually as part of the review of the Council Constitution.	Annually	Rules remain up to date and relevant.	Borough Solicitor

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (MTFP) ANNUAL BUDGETS

IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	Public, Members, CMT, Managers/Supervisors, External Audit.
Duty	To conform to existing and proposed statutory requirements upon annual budget setting and longer term financial planning.
Training	Budgetary Control Awareness Training for Budget Holders.
Requirements	
Lead Officer	Assistant Director - Accounting Services and Local Taxation

DDOCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTDUT	WHO
PROCESS AWARENESS (keeping it live in people's minds)	Budget setting process comprising a series of reports and discussions throughout the year involving CMT, Resources Scrutiny, Cabinet and Council. The Service Planning Framework underpins Departmental allocations of resources.	Annually.	MTFP and yearly budgets set which allocate resources according to priorities.	WHO CMT/Cabinet/ Council
	Budgetary Control Awareness training for budget holders.	As required in response to training needs identified from Performance Appraisals. Foundation Managers Programme Darlington Manager Programme - 2 a year	Budgetary Control training needs addressed.	Managers/ Supervisors
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Annual budget monitoring regime :- monthly reports to DMT's and CMT Quarterly Joint Finance/Performance Reports to Cabinet/Scrutiny	Monthly. Quarterly	Regular in year budget monitoring to facilitate control.	Director of Corporate Services.

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (MTFP) ANNUAL BUDGETS

REVIEW	Outcomes from Annual Budgets against	Annually	MTFP Reviewed.	CMT/Cabinet/
(keeping it up to date)	Actual built into the review of the			Council
	MTFP.			
	Consultation with public and	Various annual and four-	Information taken into account in budget	Citizens' Panel,
	stakeholder groups.	monthly events	setting.	Citizens Budget
				Panel, Electorate,
				Partner
				Organisations

IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	Members, Senior Managers.
Duty	To develop and maintain robust systems for the management of the organisations cashflow, its banking, money market and capital transactions; the effective management of risks associated with those activities; and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those
Training Requirements	Professional training for Treasury Management staff, Members and Departmental Management Teams Training
Lead Officer	Assistant Director - Corporate Services

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS (keeping it live in people's minds)	Treasury Policy Statement agreed by Council	February 2002.	Policy statement approved (Min. C250/Feb/2002)	Assistant Director- Corporate Services
	Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators agreed by Council.	March 2007.	Annual Investment strategy and Prudential Indicators Report approved by Council (Min 94(3)March 2007).	Assistant Director- Corporate Services
	Familiarisation sessions on the Treasury Management Function for Members and officers	May 2006	Member training and Development Programme Service information Posted on the Intranet.	Assistant Director- Corporate Services
	Completion of the Treasury Management Procedures (TMP'S) and associated Schedules in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice	October 2002.	Procedures produced and approved by Cabinet(Min C119/Oct /2002)	Assistant Director- Corporate Services
	Compilation of the Treasury Management Manual	Initial document produced March 2003 which is continually updated as necessary	Treasury Management manual	Assistant Director- Corporate Services

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION – TREASURY MANAGEMENT

	Training for Treasury Management Staff identified and addressed through the Performance Appraisal System	Annually	Quality of Service delivery maintained and enhanced	Financial Services Manager
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Performance of the function monitored Monthly by the Assistant Director- Corporate Services from management information reports	Ongoing on a monthly basis	Monthly Management reports on the Treasury Management Function	Financial Services Manager
	Annual and Half Yearly reports approved by Cabinet on the Performance of the function	July 2007 Interim report for 2007/08 in December 2007	Cabinet approved Annual report for 2006/07 Min ref C44/Jul/07 Cabinet approved interim Report December 2007	Financial Services Manager
REVIEW (keeping it up to date)	Treasury Management Function reviewed annually by Internal/ external Audit.	Annually.	Audit reports	Internal Audit/ External Audit
	Treasury Management policy statement, strategy and TMP's reviewed annually	Annually	Latest strategy for 2007/08 approved by Council in March 2007 Min Ref 94(3) March 2007	Assistant Director- Corporate Services

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	Public, Members, CMT, External Audit
Duty	To publish on a timely basis an Annual Statement of Accounts, produced in accordance with relevant standards and codes, which
	presents the financial position of the Council.
Training	Professional Training for Finance Staff.
Requirements	
Lead Officer	Assistant Director - Accounting Services and Local Taxation

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS	Statement of Accounts reported to Audit	Annually	Annual Statement of Accounts approved	Director of Corporate
(keeping it live in	Committee for approval pre External		by Audit Committee.	Services
people's minds)	Audit.			
	Statutory advertising requirements adhered to :- • publicising that Annual Accounts are available for public inspection; and • informing when the External Audit completed	Annually	Objections/queries on the Accounts from Council Tax Payers dealt with by External Audit. Annual Statement of Accounts signed off by External Audit.	External Audit
	Any necessary professional training for Finance Staff e.g. to keep abreast of new legislation, etc. identified and addressed through the Performance Appraisal System.	As required in response to training needs identified from Performance Appraisals	Finance training needs addressed.	Assistant Director - Accounting Services and Local Taxation.
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Production process of Annual Statement of Accounts underpinned by a comprehensive workplan/task list.	Annually	Workplan in place for production of Annual Statement of Accounts. Performance against Workplan monitored to enable objectives to be met.	Assistant Director - Accounting Services and Local Taxation.

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

	Outcomes against the workplan	See Performance	Workplan in place for production of	Assistant Director -
	monitored through the Performance	Management Framework	Annual Statement of Accounts.	Accounting Services
	Management Framework (PMF).		Performance against	and Local Taxation.
			Workplan monitored to enable objectives	
			to be met.	
REVIEW	Review of the process undertaken by all	Annually	Process of production of Annual	Assistant Director -
(keeping it up to date)	those officers who have contributed and		Statement of Accounts reviewed to reflect	Accounting Services
	including External Audit.		efficiencies and best practice.	and Local Taxation.
	Process Benchmarking/	Periodically during the year	Process of production of Annual	Assistant Director -
	Networking with other organisations to		Statement of Accounts reviewed to reflect	Accounting Services
	compare practice and performance.		efficiencies and best practice.	and Local Taxation.

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULES

IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	Members, Managers/Supervisors.
Duty	To put in place rules and compliance arrangements to ensure that public funds are used in accordance with statutory powers, economically, efficiently and effectively and that Members and employees are not influenced by prejudice, bias or conflicts of interest.
Training Requirements	Members and Departmental Management Teams Training Seminars.
Lead Officer	Head of Corporate Assurance

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS	Rules covered at Officer/	On taking up post/seat	Staff and Members understanding of	Head of Corporate
(keeping it live in people's minds)	Member Induction and in CETIS on-line training.		Rules requirements governing financial matters in the Council which ensure uniformity of financial administration within an established framework.	Assurance
	Rules covered on Foundation and Darlington Managers training programme.	Annually	Managers understanding of Rules requirements governing financial matters in the Council which ensure uniformity of financial administration within an established framework.	Accounting Manager
	Advice provided by Accounting and Audit Services on application of the Rules.	Ongoing	Staff understanding of Rules requirements governing financial matters in the Council, which ensure uniformity of financial administration within an established framework.	Accounting Manager/Head of Corporate Assurance

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULES

MONITORING	Directors are responsible for ensuring	Controls built into systems	Rules complied with.	Directors.
(keeping it effective –	that their Departmental procedures and		_	
recording when it	processes reflect the requirements of the			
happens)	Rules and that appropriate controls are			
	in place to prevent non-compliance.			
	Periodically, such procedures and			
	processes would be subject to review for			
	adequacy by Internal or External Audit.			
REVIEW	Rules reviewed as and when necessary	Annually	Rules remain up to date and relevant.	Head of Corporate
(keeping it up to date)	but as a minimum annually as part of the			Assurance
	review of the Council Constitution.			

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - SCHEME OF DELEGATION

IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	Members, Managers/Supervisors
Duty	To put in place a scheme which sets out which body or individual is able to make which decisions. To ensure that the nature of that
	decision, whether Executive or not, is recorded. To record powers delegated by statute and to ensure that proper arrangements are
	in place for the operation of the scheme.
	To develop and maintain a scheme of delegated powers which should include a formal schedule of those matters specifically
	reserved for the collective decision of the authority.
Training	Members Induction and Departmental Management Teams Training Sessions
Requirements	
Lead Officer	Borough Solicitor

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS (keeping it live in people's minds)	Scheme set out in the Constitution.	On taking up post/seat	Members and officers aware of the content of the scheme	Borough Solicitor
	Member and Officer Induction.	On taking up office/seat	Members of DMTs aware of the content of the scheme	
	DMT Briefings.	Ongoing		
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Legal Advice on Committee Reports.	Every meeting	Decisions made in accordance with scheme	Borough Solicitor
REVIEW (keeping it up to date)	Annual Review by Council with input from Standards Committee incorporating statutory changes.	May each year	Rules remain up to date and relevant	Borough Solicitor

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Target Population
Duty
To put in place appropriate procedures to ensure that members of the public know how to make a complaint regarding Council's services, and to ensure that the authority handles complaints fairly and equitably, whilst monitoring, evaluating and learning form complaints.

Training
Officer Training, Member Training Programme, Partner organisations,

Requirements

Lead Officer Policy Manager

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS	Public complaint forms	Ongoing	Public and officers and members aware	Policy Manager
(keeping it live in	Internet access		of procedure	Borough Solicitor
people's minds)	Online procedure			
	Local Government Ombudsman reports			
	and publications			
MONITORING	Currently monitored within departments,	Quarterly	Numbers of complaints received	Departmental
(keeping it effective –	with information collated and sent to			officers
recording when it	corporate centre for reporting alongside			
happens)	quarterly combined performance and			
	financial report			
REVIEW	Procedure has been subject to review	Completed December 2007	Areas for improvement identified,	Policy Manager
(keeping it up to date)		•	including:	Borough Solicitor
			Process needs amending to be more	
			streamlined;	
			Improved learning and performance	
			management arrangements required	
			Consideration to centralised point of	
			contact for complaints	
			Requirement for vexatious complaints	
			policy	

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - SOCIAL INCLUSION

IMPLEMENTATION	1
Target Population	Public, Members and Officers
Duty	To improve the life chances of those suffering or at risk of suffering discrimination and disadvantage
Training	Member Training Programme, Officer Training, Partner organisations

Requirements Lead Officer

Communities and Social Inclusion Manager

PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS	Deliver the Social Inclusion Strategy	Member training in place	Social Inclusion Strategy in place	Communities and
(keeping it live in				Social Inclusion
people's minds)	Rollout training programme	Six-monthly assessment of action plans	Member training programmed	Manager
	Ensure clear linkages between		Linkages in place between key strategies	
	Community Engagement Strategy, corporate intelligence work and the	Ongonig		
	Social inclusion Strategy			
MONITORING	Performance indicator basket linked to	Quarterly reporting of	Social Inclusion Strategy contains	Strategic and
(keeping it effective –	Social Inclusion Strategy	indicators where available.	performance indicators	Implementation
recording when it				Groups
happens)	Regular action planning	Actions six-monthly	Measurable delivery of social inclusion in	Communities and
			Darlington	Social Inclusion
				Manager

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION – SOCIAL INCLUSION

REVIEW	Review action planning	Ongoing	Ensures strategy remains 'live' and fluid.	Communities and
(keeping it up to date)				Social Inclusion
	Ensure LSP linkages in place		Ensures all stakeholders have an input in	Manager
			to the social inclusion agenda	
	Review links between the Social			
	Inclusion and Community Engagement		Enabling the whole community to	
	Strategies, as part of Connecting with		embrace the social inclusion agenda	
	Communities team work planning			
	Steering Group for Disability Equality	Monthly meetings in place		
	Scheme in place			

DOCUMENTATION/FUNCTION - EQUALITIES

IMPLEMENTATION	
Target Population	Public, Members and Senior Officers
Duty	To ensure equal opportunities for all
Training	Member Training Programme, Officer Training, Partner organisations

Requirements

Lead Officer Communities and Social Inclusion Manager

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PROCESS	ACTIONS (HOW)	WHEN	OUTPUT	WHO
AWARENESS	Project initiation document for	Assessed annually	Members and Officers are aware of the	Communities and
(keeping it live in	attainment of level 4 of the Equality		contents through training,	Social Inclusion
people's minds)	Standard for Local Government.			Manager
	Disability Equality Scheme in place.		Documents held on Intranet/Internet and are accessible	Communities and Social Inclusion
	C I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I			Manager
	Corporate Equalities Review and Plan			
	05/06 (incorporating Race Equality			
	Scheme) 2).			
	Gender Equality Scheme in place.			
MONITORING (keeping it effective – recording when it happens)	Monitoring via Social Inclusion Implementation Group and Strategic Inclusion Group.	Strategic and Implementation groups monitor progress	Delivery of the Equalities Plan.	Strategic and Implementation Groups Communities and Social Inclusion Manager
REVIEW	Continue to develop the basket of	Quarterly	Ensures equalities remains a high level	Communities and
(keeping it up to date)	performance indicators to review	(· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	priority for every department	Social Inclusion
	equalities.		Supports Darlington schools	Manager
	Departmental delivery teams.			