

Appendix B – Stroud District Council’s Corporate Governance Framework

‘The International Framework: Good Governance in the Public Sector’ defines ‘governance’ as comprising the arrangements put in place to ensure that the intended outcomes for stakeholders are defined and achieved. The framework also states that to deliver good governance in the public sector both governing bodies and individuals working for them must try to achieve the Council’s objectives while acting in the public interest at all times.							
Core Principles	(A) Behaving with integrity, demonstrating strong commitment to ethical values, and respecting the rule of law	(B) Ensuring openness and comprehensive stakeholder engagement	(C) Defining outcomes in terms of sustainable economic, social, and environmental benefits	(D) Determining the interventions necessary to optimise the achievement of the intended outcomes	(E) Developing the Council’s capacity, including the capability of its leadership and the individuals within it	(F) Managing risks and performance through robust internal control and strong public financial management	(G) Implementing good practices in transparency, reporting, and audit to deliver effective accountability
Evidence of Good Governance	The Constitution	Corporate Delivery Plan 2017-2021	Committee Reports	Corporate Consultation Strategy	The Constitution	The Constitution	Constitution / Audit and Standards Committee
	Schemes of Delegation / Decision Making Protocols	Decision Making Protocols	Corporate Delivery Plan 2017-2021	Budget Consultation	Member Development Framework	Audit and Standards Committee	Committee Framework
	Audit and Standards Committee	Website	Committee Framework	Stakeholder Engagement	Member Induction Programme	Committee Framework	Decision Making Protocols
	Committee Framework	Public Meetings	Decision Making Protocols	Option Appraisals	Skills for Stroud –Work Experience Charter	Financial Regulations / Contact and Procurement Procedure Rules	External audit of accounts and value for money opinion
	Contract Standing Orders / Financial Regulations	Public Consultations	Procurement Strategy / Procedures/guidance	Corporate Delivery Plan 2017-2021	Corporate Competency Framework	External audit of accounts and value for money opinion / Statement of Accounts / Medium Term Financial Plan	Annual Statement of Accounts
	Statutory Officers Roles: Chief Executive, Chief Financial Officer / Monitoring Officer / Legal Services	Communications Strategy	Public Sector Social Value Act 2012	Medium Term Financial Plan	Peer Reviews / External Inspection	Risk Management Policy / Strategy / Toolkit	Annual Governance Statement / Assurance Framework
	Members and Employees Codes of Conduct Members / Officers Register of Interests / Register of Gifts and Hospitality	Corporate performance, financial and risk reporting framework	Service Strategic Plans	Decision Making Protocols	Benchmarking	Information Governance / ICT Security Policy / Data Protection Policy and associated Privacy Notice	Internal Audit Service Chief Internal Auditors Annual Opinion / Report
	Planning Protocol	Open Data and Transparency Code	Service Level / Outcome Agreements	Risk Management Policy / Strategy / Strategic Risk Register	Internally led reviews / independent challenge	Corporate and Operational Risk Registers	Review Panels (Planning and Housing)
	Protocol for Member Officer Relations	Customer feedback / Complaints Policy	Service Business Plans	Alternative Service Delivery Models	Alternative Service Delivery Models	Risk Based Internal Auditing Service / Plan	Strategic performance, financial and risk reporting framework
	Anti-fraud and Corruption Policy and Strategy	FOI Publication Scheme	Risk Management Policy / Strategy / Strategic Risk Register	Corporate performance, financial and risk reporting framework	Shared Services Programme	Chief Internal Auditors Annual Opinion / Report	Open Data and Transparency Code
	Anti-Bribery and Anti Money Laundering Policies	Annual Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement published	Corporate performance, financial and risk reporting framework	Service Business Plans	Staff development programme including Action Learning Sets, Management Development Programme, Apprenticeships.	Corporate performance, financial and risk reporting framework / Member performance management	Website
	Whistleblowing Policy	Decision making committees and council meetings held in public and webcast to maximise accessibility.	Environmental Policy Environment Strategy 2007-2027	Project Management	Safety, Health and Wellbeing promotion	Anti-fraud and Corruption Policy / Strategy, Anti Bribery Policy / Anti Money Laundering Policy	Freedom of Information (FOI) reports published
	Risk Management Policy / Strategy		Option Appraisals	Review Panels (Planning and Housing)	Council wide training on new legislation (e.g. data protection)	Emergency / Business Continuity Management	Complaints Annual Report

