

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

10 JUNE 2009

REFERENCE FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

- 1.1** The Audit Committee, at its meeting held on 1 June 2009, considered a report by the Chief Executive asking that it consider and approve an amended Local Code of Corporate Governance based on a CIPFA/SOLACE publication entitled "Delivering Good Governance in Local Government". It was noted that the amended Code included the core principles and the supporting principles and detailed the current practice of the Authority in delivering good governance.
- 1.2** Having considered the report and received answers to its questions relating to, inter alia, the precise meaning of the words "the Authority"; the definition of the words "robust scrutiny" in paragraph 2.2(6); and how the effectiveness of the Scrutiny function was measured, the Committee agreed the amended Code subject to reference being made under Core Principle 4 (Taking informed and transparent decisions which are subject to effective scrutiny and managing risk), Supporting Principle (Using their legal powers to the full benefit of the citizens and communities in their area), to how the Council uses its powers in relation to well being and under the Sustainable Communities Act 2007.
- 1.3 RECOMMENDED: That the Cabinet consider the Audit Committee's suggested amendment to the Local Code of Corporate Governance.**