

## Audit, Standards and Risk Committee

Wednesday, 20 March 2024

### Code of Corporate Governance

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<b>Is the paper exempt from the press and public?</b>	No
<b>Reason why exempt:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Purpose of this report:</b>	Governance
<b>Is this a Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Has it been included on the Forward Plan?</b>	Not a Key Decision

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#### **Executive Summary**

This paper presents a Code of Corporate Governance for the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority.

#### **What does this mean for businesses, people and places in South Yorkshire?**

This paper and the Code of Corporate Governance will provide assurance to the businesses and people of South Yorkshire that the Authority is committed to good governance and that the outcomes, or the results of our activity, are defined and achieved and that the MCA Executive Team are accountable, open and transparent in the way it operates.

#### **Recommendations**

The Committee is asked to consider the Code of Corporate Governance (appendix A).

#### **Consideration by any other Board, Committee, Assurance or Advisory Panel**

Forthcoming Mayoral Combined Authority Board 11 June 2024

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Code of Corporate Governance is a public statement setting out how South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority will fulfil the principles of good governance in practice. The Code demonstrates that, collectively, our governance arrangements comply with the core and sub-principles contained in the CIPFA/SOLACE Framework Delivering Good Governance in Local Government 2016.
- 1.2 The underpinning principle of the CIPFA/SOLACE framework is that local government organisations should develop and shape an approach to governance that takes account of the unique environment the organisation is operating in. The Framework assists authority's in developing their approach to ensure that resources are used in accordance with agreed priorities, there is sound and inclusive decision making and clear accountability for the use of resources to achieve the desired outcomes for service users and communities.

## **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 In line with a commitment to review the Code of Corporate Governance annually, the existing MCA Code has been reviewed against the CIPFA Framework taking into account the priorities and operating environment of the organisation from 1 April.
- 2.2 The Code for 2024/25 has been updated to reflect the changes made to SYMCA's governance arrangements as a result of the MCA Review. Specifically references to the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and to thematic boards have been removed and references to the Business Advisory Board and Mayoral Economic Advisory Council included. Amendments are shown in track changes.
- 2.3 The Code of Corporate Governance will be presented to the Mayoral Combined Authority Board for approval June. Further amendments will be made to reference the powers associated with Police and Crime Commissioner functions should the Order be laid.

## **3. Consultation on Proposal**

- 3.1 The Annual Governance Review process, which has involved MCA officers, members of the Executive Leadership Team and Statutory Officers has informed the proposed changes to the Code of Corporate Governance.

## **4. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 4.1 The Code of Corporate Governance will be submitted for ratification at the Mayoral Combined Authority AGM meeting 11<sup>th</sup> June.

## **5. Financial and Procurement Implications and Advice**

- 5.1 There are no financial or procurement implications relating to this report.

## **6. Legal Implications and Advice**

- 6.1 There are no legal implications relating to this report.

**7. Human Resources Implications and Advice**

7.1 There are no Human Resource implications associated with this paper.

**8. Equality and Diversity Implications and Advice**

8.1 There are no Equality and Diversity implications associated with this paper.

**9. Climate Change Implications and Advice**

9.1 There are no climate change implications associated with this paper.

**10. Information and Communication Technology Implications and Advice**

10.1 There are no ICT implications associated with this paper.

**11. Communications and Marketing Implications and Advice.**

11.1 There are no Communications or Marketing implications associated with this paper. However, the Code of Corporate Governance will be published on the Authority's website.

**List of Appendices Included**

A Code of Corporate Governance 2024/25

**Background Papers**

None