

Subject:	Corporate Modernisation Governance Arrangements		
Date of Meeting:	13 January 2015		
Report of:	Interim Executive Director Finance & Resources		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 Brighton & Hove City Council's Corporate Plan 2011-15 has four priorities namely:
- Tackling inequalities;
 - Creating a more sustainable city;
 - Engaging people who live and work in the city; and
 - Modernising the council.
- 1.2 This report provides an overview of the governance arrangements to achieving 'modernising the council' priority.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the contents of Appendix 1 (copy attached)

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The outcomes in relation to 'Modernising the council' are: value for money, excellent customer service, high performing workforce and good governance and leadership. Corporate Modernisation Delivery Board has been set up as a Sponsoring Group to initiate and lead programmes and projects that are intended to achieve these outcomes including cross-cutting programmes and projects. The Board is chaired by the Chief Executive and consists of directors and other key officers of the council.
- 3.2 Reporting to the Corporate Modernisation Delivery Board, Directorate Modernisation Boards are set up to drive the programmes and projects forward and deliver outcomes and benefits. Reporting to the Directorate Modernisation Boards, there are Programme and Project Boards responsible for planning, set-up and management of programmes and projects.

- 3.3 All non-modernisation programmes/projects get led by and reported to the Directorate Management Teams (DMTs) and reported to the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) if/when appropriate.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 This approach has been developed based on 'Managing Successful Programmes (MSP)' methodology which is best practice in managing programmes that require transformational changes.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications relating to the corporate modernisation governance arrangements. Each board is supported by a dedicated finance lead and this will ensure the financial implications of programmes and projects are clear and are reflected within the Targeted Budget Management (TBM) process and the financial projections that support the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Finance Officer Consulted: James Hengeveld

Date: 11/12/14

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 It is a core function of Audit & Standards Committee to satisfy itself that the council's governance arrangements are effective, and - if not so satisfied – to raise queries or challenges as appropriate.

Lawyer Consulted:

Oliver Dixon

Date: 04/12/14

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Corporate Modernisation Governance Arrangements (copy attached)

Documents in Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None

