

THE CONSTITUTION – SECTION 23 GOVERNANCE CODE

Corporate Governance refers to the processes by which organisations such as the Council are directed, controlled, led and held to account. It is also about culture and values - the way that councillors (members) and employees think and act. In summary, if management is about running the Council, corporate governance is about seeing that it is run properly.

The Council is a complex organisation which affects all who live and work in Wrexham and businesses and organisations that are based here. It is therefore essential that there is confidence in our corporate governance, and the Council must therefore ensure that:

- as a democratic body, we engage with and account to our citizens and stakeholders effectively;
- we conduct our business in accordance with the law and to proper standards;
- public money is properly accounted for and is used economically, efficiently and effectively;
- controls are proportionate to risk so as not to impede performance;
- we continuously improve the way in which we function, in terms of effectiveness, quality, service availability, fairness, sustainability and innovation; and
- we fulfil our purpose and meet our priorities as set out in [the Council Plan](#).

The Council is therefore committed to good corporate governance – to doing the right things in the right way for the right people in a way which is timely, inclusive, open, honest and accountable. This Code sets out Wrexham County Borough Council's approach to achieving and maintaining good corporate governance. It follows guidance produced by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers (SOLACE).

The Governance Code can be viewed by clicking on the link below

<https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/governance-and-self-assessment>