

CIPFA Financial Management Code

Organisational Leadership
demonstrating clear strategic direction vision in which financial management is embedded in organisational culture

Accountability
medium term financial planning drives annual budget process
supported by:
effective risk management
quality supporting data
whole life costs

Transparency at core of financial management
using consistent meaningful understandable data reported frequently evidence of periodic officer action and elected member decision making

Adherence to professional standards promoted by leadership team and evidenced

Sources of **assurance** recognised as effective tool mainstreamed into financial management
includes political scrutiny external audit internal audit inspection



A The leadership team demonstrates that the services provided by the authority provide value for money

D The authority applies the CIPFA/SOLACE Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework (2016)

L The authority has engaged with key stakeholders where appropriate in developing its long term financial strategy, medium term financial plan and annual budget.

H The authority complies with the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities

C The leadership team demonstrates in its actions and behaviours responsibility for governance and internal control.

E The Financial Management Style of the authority supports financial sustainability

B The authority complies with the CIPFA Statement on the Role of the Chief Finance Officer in Local Government

P The Chief Finance Officer has personal and statutory responsibility for ensuring that the statement of accounts produced by the local authority complies with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom.

M The authority uses an appropriate documented option appraisal methodology to demonstrate the VFM of its decisions

J The authority complies with its statutory obligations in respect of the budget setting process

F The authority has carried out a credible and transparent financial resilience assessment.

G The authority understands its prospects for financial sustainability in the longer term and has reported this clearly to members

O The leadership team monitors the elements of its balance sheet that pose a significant risk to its financial sustainability

Q The presentation of the final outturn figures and variations from budget allow the leadership team to make strategic financial decisions.

K The budget report includes a statement by the Chief Finance Officer on the robustness of the estimates and a statement of the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves.

N The leadership team takes action using reports enabling it to identify and correct emerging risks to its budget strategy and financial sustainability.

I The authority has a rolling multi-year Medium Term Financial Plan consistent with sustainable service plans