

What are the key roles of those responsible for developing and maintaining the Governance Framework?

The Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approves the Council Strategy. - Approves the Constitution (including Standing Orders and Financial Regulations). - Approves key policies and budgetary framework.
Cabinet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The main decision-making body of the Council. - Comprises nine Cabinet Members (including the Leader) who have responsibility for particular portfolios.
Audit and Governance Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides independent assurance to the Council on the adequacy and effectiveness of the governance arrangements, risk management framework and internal control environment. - Promotes high standards of member conduct. - Approves the Annual Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement.
Scrutiny Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are five Scrutiny Committees aligned to the Council's corporate priorities. - They hold Cabinet and Officers to account and scrutinise performance.
Chief Executive Corporate Management Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implements the policy and budgetary framework set by the Council and provides advice to Cabinet and the Council on the development of future policy and budgetary issues. - Oversees the implementation of council policy.
Chief Financial Officer (s151)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accountability for developing and maintaining the Council's governance, risk and control framework. - Contribute to the effective corporate management and governance of the Council.
Monitoring Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To report on contraventions or likely contraventions of any enactment or rule of law. To report on any maladministration or injustice where the Local Government Ombudsman has carried out an investigation. To establish and maintain registers of member interests and gifts and hospitality. To advise Members on the interpretation of the Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members. - Overall responsibility for the maintenance and operation of the Confidential Reporting Procedure for Employees. (Whistleblowing) and contributes to the effective corporate management and governance of the Council.
Internal Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides independent assurance and annual opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's governance, risk management and control framework. - Delivers an annual programme of risk based audit activity, including counter fraud and investigation activity. - Makes recommendations for improvements in the management of risk.
External Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audit / review and report on the Council's financial statements (including the Annual Governance Statement), providing an opinion on the accounts and use of resources, concluding on the arrangements in place for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources (the value for money conclusion).
Managers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responsible for developing, maintaining and implementing the Council's governance, risk and control framework. - Contribute to the effective corporate management and governance of the Council.