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SUBJECT: CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (MAY 2023)

1. PURPOSE

This paper is coming to the Board:

For approval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For endorsement	<input type="checkbox"/>	To note	<input type="checkbox"/>
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This paper confirms that there are no changes to the Code of Corporate Governance.

2. ROUTE TO THE BOARD

This paper has been:

Prepared	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reviewed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Endorsed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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by the Board Secretary.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

In May of each year the Code of Corporate Governance is reviewed, and there are no changes required at this stage.

The Code will be reviewed in the light of any changes made as a result of considering the Blueprint for Good Governance (Version 2). A self-assessment tool was piloted in NHS Highland earlier this year and once that tool has been disseminated by Scottish Government for Boards to use, we will undertake that exercise.

The current (2022) Code is on the Board website, link below.

[NHS Lanarkshire Code of Corporate Governance](#)

The Board reviewed the Standing Financial Instructions and Scheme of Delegation in March 2023. These will be incorporated into the updated Code after the Board meeting.

The Code will also be updated to include the Governance Committee Annual Reports 2022/23.

4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This paper links to the following:

Corporate objectives	<input type="checkbox"/>	ADP	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Government directive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory requirement	<input type="checkbox"/>	AHF/local policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Urgent operational issue	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		

The Code of Corporate Governance effectively provides a framework to support all of the above.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO QUALITY

This paper aligns to the following elements of safety and quality improvement:

Three Quality Ambitions:

Safe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effective	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Person Centred	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The Code of Corporate Governance provides a framework which defines the business principles of the NHS Board and the Organisation, in support of the delivery of safe, effective, person-centred care and the undernoted Quality Outcomes.

Six Quality Outcomes:

Everyone has the best start in life and is able to live longer healthier lives; (Effective)	<input type="checkbox"/>
People are able to live well at home or in the community; (Person Centred)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Everyone has a positive experience of healthcare; (Person Centred)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff feel supported and engaged; (Effective)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Healthcare is safe for every person, every time; (Safe)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Best use is made of available resources. (Effective)	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. MEASURES FOR IMPROVEMENT

This section is not directly relevant.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no obvious material risks.

9. FIT WITH BEST VALUE CRITERIA

This paper aligns to the following best value criteria:

Vision and leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effective partnerships	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Governance and accountability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use of resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Performance management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Equality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT / FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY

An E&D Impact Assessment / Fairer Scotland Duty assessment has not been completed, because the Code of Corporate Governance equally encompasses all aspects of the Board's role in the discharge of its business.

11. CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

A further review will be undertaken in light of changes that will emerge from the self-assessment exercise for the Blueprint for Good Governance (v2)

The revised Standing Financial Instructions and Scheme of Delegation were approved by the NHS Board in March 2023.

12. ACTIONS FOR THE BOARD

The NHS Board is asked to:

Approve	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Endorse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Identify further actions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Note	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accept the risk identified	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ask for a further report	

- (a) note that no changes are required to the Code at this stage;
- (b) note that further review may be required in the light of the self-assessment exercise for the Blueprint for Good Governance (version 2)
- (c) note that the updated Code of Corporate Governance will incorporate the updated Standing Financial Instructions and Scheme of Delegation, and Committee Annual Reports, and will be uploaded on to the Board's public facing web site after the meeting.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about any aspect of this paper, please contact Paul Cannon, Board Secretary. Telephone: 01698 752868 e-mail paul.cannon@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk