

## Appendix A – Financial Management Code Standards

Section	Standards
<b>1</b>	<b>The Responsibilities of the Chief Finance Officer and Leadership Team</b>
A	The leadership team is able to demonstrate that the services provided by the authority provide value for money
B	The authority complies with the CIPFA Statement on the Role of the Chief Finance Officer in Local Government
<b>2</b>	<b>Governance and Financial Management Style</b>
C	The leadership team demonstrates in its actions and behaviours responsibility for governance and internal control.
D	The authority applies the CIPFA/SOLACE Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework (2016)
E	The Financial Management Style of the authority supports financial sustainability
<b>3</b>	<b>Long to Medium Term Financial Management</b>
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
H	The authority complies with the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities
I	The authority has a rolling multi-year Medium Term Financial Plan consistent with sustainable service plans
<b>4</b>	<b>The Annual Budget</b>
J	The authority complies with its statutory obligations in respect of the budget setting process
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
<b>5</b>	<b>Stakeholder Engagement and Business Plans</b>
L	The authority has engaged where appropriate with key stakeholders in developing its long term financial strategy, medium term financial plan and annual budget
M	The authority uses an appropriate documented option appraisal methodology to demonstrate the value for money of its decisions
<b>6</b>	<b>Monitoring Financial Performance</b>
N	The leadership team takes action using reports enabling it to identify and correct emerging risks to its budget strategy and financial sustainability
O	The leadership team monitors the elements of its balance sheet which pose a significant risk to its financial sustainability
<b>7</b>	<b>External Financial Reporting</b>
P	The Chief Finance Officer has personal responsibility for ensuring that the statutory accounts provided to the local authority comply with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom
Q	The presentation of the final outturn figures and variations from budget allow the leadership team to make strategic financial decisions

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