

Principles and Standards of the Code of Financial Management		Appendix 1
Principle	Standard	
Leadership	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.
	O	The leadership team monitors the elements of its balance sheet that pose a significant risk to its financial sustainability.
Accountability	D	The authority applies the CIPFA/SOLACE Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework (2016).
	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 reporting requirements of the Code.
	Q	The presentation of the final outturn figures and variations from budget allows the leadership team to make strategic financial decisions.
Transparency	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.
Standards	H	The authority complies with the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.
	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 on the adequacy of the proposed Financial reserves.
Assurance	C	The leadership team demonstrates in its actions and behaviours responsibility for governance and internal control.
	F	The authority has carried out a credible and transparent financial resilience assessment.
	N	The leadership team takes action using reports enabling it to identify and correct emerging risks to its budget strategy and financial sustainability.
Sustainability	E	The financial management style of the authority supports financial sustainability.
	G	The authority understands its prospects for financial sustainability in the longer term and has reported this clearly to members.
	I	The authority has a rolling multi-year medium-term financial plan consistent with sustainable service plans.