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<b>Supporting Principles</b>	<b>To meet the requirements of this Principle, Cheshire East Council will;</b>	<b>This will be evidenced by:</b>
Exercising strategic leadership by developing and clearly communicating the authority's purpose and vision and its intended outcome for citizens and users	Develop and promote the authority's purpose and long term vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable Community Strategy</li> <li>• Medium Term Financial Strategy</li> <li>• Budget Report 2013/16</li> </ul>
	Review on a regular basis the authority's priorities for the local area and its implications for the authority's governance arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly performance reporting</li> <li>• Annual Governance Statement production</li> <li>• Annual budget and service delivery plans</li> </ul>
	Ensure that partnerships are underpinned by a common vision of their work that is understood and agreed by all partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitution/</li> <li>• Finance and Contract Procedure Rules</li> </ul>
	Communicate the authority's activities and achievements, its financial position and performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement of Accounts</li> <li>• Annual Governance Statement</li> <li>• Quarterly performance reporting to Cabinet</li> </ul>
Ensuring that users receive a high quality of service whether directly, or in partnership, or by commissioning	Decide how the quality of service for users is to be measured and make sure that the information needed to review service quality effectively and regularly is available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioning Strategies</li> </ul>
	Put in place effective arrangement to identify and deal with failure in service delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Management framework</li> <li>• Commissioning arrangements; contracts, specifications etc</li> </ul>

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Ensuring that the authority makes best use of resources, that tax payers and service users receive excellent value for money, and the charge to tax payers to be affordable and reasonable	Decide how value for money is to be measured and make sure that the authority or partnership has the information needed to review value for money and performance effectively. Measure the environmental impact of policies, plans and decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Value for Money Strategy</li> <li>• Environmental impact assessments</li> <li>• Carbon Reduction</li> </ul>
	Ensure that timely, accurate and impartial financial advice and information is provided to assist in decision making and to ensure that the authority meets its policy and service objectives and provides effective stewardship of public money and value for money in its use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Management framework</li> <li>• Quarterly performance reporting</li> <li>• Calendar of committee meetings</li> </ul>
	Ensure that the authority maintains a prudential financial framework; keeps its commitments in balance with available resources; monitors income and expenditure levels to ensure that this balance is maintained and takes corrective action when necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medium Term Financial Strategy</li> <li>• Quarterly performance reporting</li> <li>• Annual Statement of Accounts</li> <li>• External inspection of accounts</li> <li>• Internal audit reporting</li> <li>• Reports to Audit and Governance Committee, Cabinet and or Scrutiny</li> </ul>
	Ensure compliance with CIPFA's The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities and CIPFA's Treasury Management Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasury Management Strategy</li> <li>• Reports to Audit and Governance Committee, Cabinet and or Scrutiny</li> </ul>

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