

ANTI-FRAUD, BRIBERY & CORRUPTION STRATEGY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To introduce a new Anti-Fraud, Bribery & Corruption Strategy, in line with CIPFA best practice.
- 1.2 The Strategy (Appendix 1) sets out the Council's intentions in relation to combating fraud, bribery, corruption and dishonest dealings within and against the Council.

2.0 REVIEW

- 2.1 CIPFA have recently created a self-assessment toolkit to enable authorities to undertake detailed reviews of their counter fraud arrangements. This follows the introduction of the CIPFA Counter Fraud code of Practice. The self-assessment toolkit has been used to review the Council's arrangements and as a direct result, this strategy has been produced.
- 2.2 Further work will be undertaken to address the other areas of improvement highlighted by the self-assessment review.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 None

4.0 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this report, however this policy does relate to potential criminal activity.

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL, EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Audit Committee support the new Anti-Fraud, Bribery & Corruption Strategy, and recommend to Council the adoption of the new strategy with effect from 17 April 2018.

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Background Papers:

CIPFA Counter Fraud Code of Practice - 2016