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| REPORT TO: | AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE (SPECIAL) | AGENDA ITEM: 10 |
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| SUBJECT: | ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY | REF: |
| WARD(S) AFFECTED: | ALL | TERMS OF REFERENCE: AS 04 |

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the updated Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy as appended to this report is approved.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To consider an updated Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy. This follows an Internal Audit review of the Council's processes for preventing and detecting fraud and corruption, which is subject to a separate report to this Committee elsewhere on the Agenda.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The objective of this Policy is to encourage and promote the prevention of fraud and corruption, the detection and investigation of suspected fraud and corruption, to deter fraud and corruption and to take appropriate and decisive action against any attempted or actual fraudulent or corrupt activity affecting the Council.

3.2 In order for the Council to be effective in its approach to dealing with the problem of fraud and corruption, it is important that it creates a culture of intolerance rather than indifference to such matters.

3.3 The Policy should be read in conjunction with the Guidelines for dealing with and reporting fraud and corruption, which are detailed in **Appendix B** of the Policy, together with sanctions that the Council will use in dealing with fraudulent activities (**Appendix C**).

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None.

5.0 Corporate Implications

Employment Implications

5.1 None

Legal Implications

5.2 None directly from the Plan itself.

Corporate Plan Implications

5.3 None directly.

Risk Impact

5.4 Fraudulent activity is a key risk in the Corporate Services' Risk Register. The adoption of an Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy is designed to mitigate the risk through the prevention and detection of fraud.

6.0 Community Impact

Consultation

6.1 None required

Equality and Diversity Impact

6.2 It is considered that the Plan does not discriminate against any of the protected characteristics in the Equality Act 2010. The focus is on whether a fraud is or has been committed rather than the type of person or the group of individuals that may be committing fraud.

Social Value Impact

6.3 The prevention and detection of fraud helps to safeguard the "public purse".

Environmental Sustainability

6.4 Not applicable in the context of the report

7.0 Background Papers

7.1 None