

Subject: Anti-fraud and Corruption Strategy **Status:** For Publication

Report to: Cabinet **Date:** 17th February 2010

Report of: Director of Business

Portfolio

Holder: Finance and Resources

Key Decision: No

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To approve the Council's updated Anti-fraud and Corruption Strategy as attached at Appendix A.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:-

- Delivering quality Services to our customers
- Encouraging healthy and respectful communities
- Promoting the Borough
- Providing value for money services

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

If the Strategy is not highlighted and followed:

- Possible fraud and corruption.
- Service delivery undermined.
- Malpractice/Maladministration.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

4.1 The Anti-fraud and Corruption Strategy is for use internally by Council staff.

- 4.2 The Strategy has now been updated.
- 4.3 All new members of staff are made aware of this and other policies as part of their induction and are handed hard copies for their personal files.
- 4.4 The Strategy is further promoted on an annual basis via Team Meetings, Core Brief and Grapevine and continually through the display of the above leaflet in offices throughout the Council.
- 4.5 The Strategy will be subject to review as necessary.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

5. SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 5.1 The Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy is an integral part of the Councils internal control and governance procedures and feeds directly into the Councils Annual Governance Statement and Use of Resources assessment.

6. MONITORING OFFICER

- 6.1 Included within the report

7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

- 7.1 No HR implications.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The Council wants a culture of accountability and openness and to maintain high standards. This Strategy will help to achieve this aim.

9. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 9.1 That Cabinet approves the Council's Anti-fraud and Corruption Strategy.
- 9.2 That all future minor amendments to the policy be delegated to the Director of Business in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 10.1 Consultation has been carried out within the Legal, Executive and People and Policy service areas.

11. COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- Is a Community Impact Assessment required Yes
- Is a Community Impact Assessment attached Yes

12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required No

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment attached No

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