

TITLE: ANTI-FRAUD STRATEGY

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. To provide members with background and reasons for developing an updated anti-fraud strategy.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to approve the implementation of the anti-fraud strategy.

3. REPORT AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS AND TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1. It is a requirement of the Benefit Fraud Inspection Report, which has previously been reported to Members, that the Borough Council develops and implements clear strategies and policies for managing and dealing with all aspects of counter fraud. Internal policies have been developed which incorporate all aspects of the anti-fraud strategy.

4. CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES

- 4.1 Implementation of robust policies will enable compliance with the government's Performance Standards which have a direct impact on future Corporate Performance Assessment.

5. HUMAN RESOURCES

- 5.1 Staff will be required to confirm they have received and understood the policies and where required, training will be provided.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM THE REPORT

- 6.1 Without a robust and member approved Anti-fraud policy the Council would be unable to administer sanctions or take prosecution action in proven cases of benefit fraud.

7. WARDS AFFECTED

- 7.1 All

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The policies have been discussed and agreed via the Trade Union Joint Consultative Committee.

9. Background Documents

Benefits Service Operational Plan 2005/06
Benefit Fraud Inspection Report 2005
Anti-Fraud Policy Document

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