

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

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**Report to:** Cabinet **Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010

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**Report of:** Director of Business

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**Portfolio**

**Holder:** Finance and Resources

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**Key Decision:** No

Forward Plan  General Exception  Special Urgency

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**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

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