WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL   **AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
11 March 2005

ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY PROGRESS REPORT

Background

1.   At their meeting on 2nd December 2004, Standards Committee members resolved:

> a. *To agree that the four main priorities from the Code of Ethical Governance should be:*
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> > ♦ *The Members' Code of Conduct*
> > ♦ *The Equality and Diversity Strategy*
> > ♦ *The Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy*
> > ♦ *Procedures for declaring interests, claiming expenses and offers/receipt of gifts and hospitality*
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> b. *To receive reports on the above priorities at the January and March meetings of the Committee.*

2.   This report advises members of the implementation plan for the council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy.

Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy

3.   A copy of the council's anti-fraud and corruption policy is attached. It was approved by chief officers at a Corporate Management Team meeting on 18th December 2003. However, it was not widely publicized at that time.

Implementation

4.   It is proposed that the Corporate Standards Manager undertake a programme to publicise both the anti-fraud and corruption policy, and the new whistleblowing policy approved by the Standards Committee at their meeting on 27th January 2005. This will include an article in the staff magazine, information in the monthly corporate team briefing schedule, and information and procedural guidance on the intranet. The publicity campaign will be completed by the end of July 2005.

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<u>Recommendations</u>

5.   That members note the contents of this report.

6.   That members receive a progress report at their meeting in September 2005.

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Unpublished documents relied upon in the production of this report: None

Environmental impact of the recommendations contained in this report: None

Risks associated with the recommendations contained in this report: None

Costs associated with the recommendations contained in this report: None

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