

Title: **Corporate Anti- Fraud and Corruption Strategy**
Portfolio holder: **Cllr Carbin – Finance & Policy Portfolio Holder**
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Purpose

To approve the Corporate Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy.

Background

The Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy was approved by the Audit Committee at the previous meeting. This has now been updated to include the Housing and Council Tax benefit anti-fraud policy.

The strategy will be considered by Cabinet at its October meeting.

Key Issues

The Council:

Is committed to put in place measures to prevent, deter and detect fraud.

will promptly investigate all reported suspicions of fraud

encourages people to report suspicions of fraud

will set up and maintain stringent controls within systems and procedures

will take appropriate steps to recover all losses incurred

Effect on strategies and codes

These are contained in the strategy.

Risk management implications

These are contained in the strategy.

Finance and performance implications

These are contained in the strategy.

Legal and human rights implications

There are no direct legal or human rights implications

Next steps

A comprehensive launch to communicate to all Councillors, employees, customers and major suppliers.

This will be achieved through: team briefing, service manager meeting, corporate management team, staff leaflet, publication on the on the Council's website, new Member induction, contacting existing major suppliers, inclusion in all new contracts and the work of the Audit Committee.

Recommendations

The Corporate Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy is approved.

Cabinet considers the role of LJCC and Standards Committee before adoption of this strategy.

Cabinet also considers how clarity can be provided to members, officers and employees in relation to the single process for the public in their involvement in these strategies.

Background Papers: Final Accounts Working Papers – Room 33

 Plain English guidance given

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