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## **ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION AND ANTI-BRIBERY POLICIES**

To: **Governance and Audit Committee: 11 December 2012**

By: **Financial Services Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

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**Summary:** **To present a revised Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and Anti-Bribery Policy for Members' approval.**

### **For Decision**

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#### **1.0 Introduction**

1.1 The Council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and Anti-Bribery Policy should be regularly reviewed. Consequently both have been updated and are now presented to this Committee for Members' approval.

#### **2.0 The Revised Policy**

2.1 It is a concern that during times of financial hardship or recession, instances of fraud or bribery may increase and therefore staff, Members and the public need to be able to report any suspected incident of fraud and bribery easily and in confidence.

2.2 The Council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy has been updated to reflect the current climate and is attached at Annex 1 to this report.

2.3 Appendix 1 to the policy presents the Benefits Prosecution Policy Statement which details how the Council will try to ensure that the money paid out in benefits only goes to those entitled to receive it.

2.4 Appendix 2 to the policy presents the Council's Whistleblowing Code which details how employees should report any concerns they may have of wrongdoings within the Council.

2.5 The Anti-Bribery Policy has also been updated and is attached at Annex 2 to this report.

2.4 The revised Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and Anti-Bribery Policy, once approved, will be made available on the Council's website and will be re-launched to all staff. Members are receiving training on both policies as part of this meeting.

#### **3.0 Corporate Implications**

##### **3.1 Financial**

3.1.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report, other than the fact that the policies herewith described should reduce the Council's exposure to fraud and consequent financial loss.

### **3.2 Legal**

3.2.1 The policy refers to the relevant statutes in relation to the responsibilities of staff and Members in protecting the Council from fraud, corruption and bribery and also in relation to whistleblowing.

### **3.3 Corporate**

3.3.1 All council staff and Members are responsible for protecting the Council from fraud and corruption and bribery.

### **3.4 Equity and Equalities**

3.4.1 There are no equity and equalities implications arising from this report.

### **4.0 Recommendation**

**4.1 Members are asked to approve the revised Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and Anti-Bribery Policy.**

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