

TITLE: ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION STRATEGY

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1. ISSUE

Part 4, Section 7 of the Constitution details the Council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy (page 4(55)). This section of the Constitution has not been up-dated since 2016 and is therefore in need of review and up-date.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members are asked to recommend to Full Council the adoption of the updated Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy as attached as appendix 1 to this report.

3. BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

- 3.1 As part of the Constitution, the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy needs to be approved for adoption by Full Council. However, it is felt appropriate to first bring it to this Committee to ensure that a full review takes place of the new content before being presented to Council.
- 3.2 The current Strategy was approved by Full Council in May 2016 and is therefore in need of an up-date.

4. ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 The revised Strategy is attached as Appendix 1 to this report. This is not significantly changed since the version approved in 2016, but references have been changed in various places and more detail provided where necessary.
- 4.2 The Council previously approved an anti-money laundering policy statement in September 2012, but this was a stand-alone document which has not previously formed part of the Constitution and has not been up-dated since this time. The new Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy now has a revised money laundering policy statement as its appendix b, thus ensuring that this policy gains a greater prominence as part of the Constitution.
- 4.3 Internal Audit have played a major part in the up-date of the Strategy, both assisting in the drafting and in reviewing the final documents as are now

attached for your approval. They are comfortable that they provide a best practice approach to anti-fraud and corruption moving forward.

4.4 Management Team have also reviewed the documents and are comfortable that they provide the Council with the required safeguards.

5 APPENDICES

5.1 Draft Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy

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