

Report of the Treasurer

7. Review of Anti-Fraud, Bribery & Corruption Policy

Purpose of report

1. To review the Authority's Anti-Fraud, Bribery & Corruption Policy in accordance with our code of corporate governance to ensure that the policy remains fit for purpose.

Recommendation

The Treasurer recommends that the revised Anti-Fraud, Bribery & Corruption Policy be approved.

Introduction and Background

2. The Authority's Code of Corporate Governance is based on national guidance from CIPFA/Solace and endorsed by the LGA designed to ensure the highest standards of governance within local government.
3. A key element of the governance framework is to create an environment in which staff, contractors or the public understands their responsibilities and roles in preventing, identifying and investigating fraudulent or corrupt practices.
4. As part of this approach the Authority has adopted an Anti-Fraud, Bribery & Corruption policy.
5. The current policy was approved in 2005 and although a review was undertaken in 2010 this was never adopted.
6. The opportunity has been taken to simplify the policy to make it easier for staff to understand the risks and how to avoid them, as well as giving clear guidance of what to do in the event of suspicion.

Conclusion/Summary

7. The Anti-Fraud, Bribery & Corruption policy is an important element in our approach to corporate governance. We will continue to remind staff of the policy through periodic items in the service bulletin and it will continue to be drawn to the attention of Contractors when letting new contracts.

Corporate Considerations

Resource Implications (identify any financial, legal, property or human resources issues)	Legal - para.4
Strategic Policy Links (identify how proposals link in with current priorities and policy framework and if they do not, identify any potential implications)	Adhering to principles of good governance underpins delivery of 'Our Strategy'
Risk Management / Health & Safety (identify any risks, the proposed control measures and risk evaluation scores)	
Consultation (identify any public or other consultation that has been carried out on this matter)	
Equalities (has an Equalities Impact Assessment been completed? If not, why not?)	

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 – Anti-Fraud, Bribery & Corruption Policy

Background papers – Code of Corporate Governance

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