

17TH DECEMBER 2013

## REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR OPERATIONS AND ASSETS

## FRAUD &amp; CORRUPTION UPDATE REPORT

## EXEMPT INFORMATION

None

## PURPOSE

This report provides the Council with a review and update of the Counter Fraud & Corruption Policy Statement, Strategy & Guidance Notes and the Whistleblowing Policy .

## RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council adopts:

1. the Counter Fraud & Corruption Policy Statement, Strategy & Guidance Notes (Appendix 1), and
2. the Whistleblowing Policy (Appendix 2)

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting of the 31st October 2013, the Audit & Governance Committee endorsed the revised Counter Fraud and Corruption Policy Statement, Strategy and Guidance Notes (**Appendix 1**) and the revised Whistleblowing Policy (**Appendix 2**). Both Policies plan to be endorsed by the Appointments and Staffing Committee at its meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013 and have been endorsed by the Trade Unions.

The main changes to the policies take into account the changes required under the Enterprise & Regulatory Reform Act 2013 which states that any disclosure made using the Whistleblowing Policy, within reasonable belief of the worker making the disclosure, will only be protected if it is made in the public interest.

## RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None

## LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND

None

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

None

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## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Counter Fraud & Corruption Policy Statement, Strategy & Guidance Notes  
Appendix 2 – Whistleblowing Policy