

## **Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy**

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**Portfolio:** Finance

**Ward(s) Affected:** All

### **Purpose of the Report:**

To present the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy for approval.

### **Recommendation:**

1. Audit Committee to Recommend to Council adoption of the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy (attached as Appendix A).

### **1 Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy**

- 1.1 The Council has an agreement with Anglia Revenues Partnership (ARP) for the provision of Fraud Services, and uses the ARP Fraud and Compliance team to investigate and prosecute cases when appropriate.
- 1.2 The Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy sets out the Council's approach to minimising the risk of fraud and corruption occurring, detecting its possible occurrence, and the actions it will take when fraudulent activity is suspected and identified.

## **2 Options**

- 2.1 The Audit Committee has the ability to propose changes to the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy.

## **3 Issues and risks**

- 3.1 **Resource Implications** – No direct implications.
- 3.2 **Legal Implications** – Officers will adhere to the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, Codes of Practice, the Criminal Procedures and Investigations Act and other relevant requirements when investigating and pursuing fraud.
- 3.3 **Equality Implications** – No direct implications.
- 3.4 **Environmental Impact** – No direct implications.
- 3.5 **Crime and Disorder** – No direct implications.
- 3.6 **Risks** – All organisations face a risk of fraud. The aim of the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy is to protect the public purse, the Council's residents and the Council's assets and ensure that fraud and corruption within the Council is kept to a minimum.

## **4 Recommendations**

- 4.1 Audit Committee to Recommend to Council adoption of the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy (attached as Appendix A).

### **Background papers**

None