

DRAFT BENEFIT FRAUD POLICY

Corporate Director (Resources)

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To allow the Audit Committee to influence the draft Benefit Fraud Enforcement and Sanctions Policy for Aylesbury Vale District Council.

2 Recommendations/for decision

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| 2.1 To discuss, review and suggest any amendments to the draft Benefit Fraud Enforcement and Sanctions Policy for Aylesbury Vale District Council. |
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3 Supporting information

- 3.1 The current Benefit Fraud Prosecution Protocol was approved by Cabinet in 2002. Since then there have been a number of changes in Council powers and in the management and delegation structure of the Council, which means that the document needs a full review.
- 3.2 This document is the first draft of a revised policy which will eventually be submitted to Cabinet for formal approval.
- 3.3 The Audit Committee is being consulted so that its views on the enforcement of benefit fraud cases can be considered during the review of the policy.

4 Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 To ensure that the revised policy takes into account the views of elected Members.

5 Resource implications

- 5.1 None.

6 Response to Key Aims and Objectives

- 6.1 None.

Contact Officer
Background Documents

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Draft Benefit Fraud Policy (attached)