



Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority

MEETING	Overview and Audit Committee
DATE OF MEETING	23 September 2015
OFFICER	David Sutherland, Acting Director of Finance & Assets
LEAD MEMBER	Councillor Andy Dransfield
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Counter-Fraud and Corruption Policy Review
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>To seek approval of the updated policy to ensure that the Authority continues to comply with its Counter-Fraud and Corruption obligations.</p> <p>This paper is being presented to the Committee as part of a triennial review.</p>
ACTION	Decision.
RECOMMENDATIONS	That the revised Counter-Fraud and Corruption Policy be approved.
RISK MANAGEMENT	This framework links into the risk register and will be revised as part of the risk monitoring framework.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	No costs or income are associated with the approval of this policy.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	As covered in the report.
CONSISTENCY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF COLLABORATION	No impact.
HEALTH AND SAFETY	No impact.
EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY	No impact.
USE OF RESOURCES	<p>This framework sets out the Authority's determination to ensure a 'zero-tolerance' policy towards corruption and to provide robust counter-fraud and corruption procedures.</p> <p>It will help maintain our existing resources to ensure they are used for legal purposes, and procedures are in place to ensure any investigations are carried out to maximise the chance of protection of the Authority and prosecution of guilty parties.</p>

<p>PROVENANCE SECTION & BACKGROUND PAPERS</p>	<p>Background Counter-Fraud and Corruption Policy – Overview and Audit Committee, 5 December 2012 [Item 6, pages 60-66): http://bucksfire.gov.uk/files/3714/0633/2143/OA051212.pdf Internal Audit Reports Annual Governance Statement</p>
<p>APPENDICES</p>	<p>Annex A: Counter-Fraud and Corruption policy</p>
<p>TIME REQUIRED</p>	<p>10 minutes.</p>
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