

SUBJECT:	Joint Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy Joint Protected Disclosure Policy
REPORT OF:	<i>Customer Services – Cllr Fred Wilson</i>
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	<i>Nicola Ellis, Head of Customer Services</i>
REPORT AUTHOR	<i>Alistair Webb, 01494 732227, awebb@chiltern.gov.uk</i>
WARD/S AFFECTED	<i>All</i>

Report

This report updates the Joint Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy, similarly the Joint Whistleblowing Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Joint Protected Disclosure (Whistleblowing) and Joint Anti-Fraud Bribery and Corruption Policies be agreed.

Background

1. Both councils have existing Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policies; the policies are due for renewal and require updating to reflect changes to legislation and working practices.
2. The attached joint policy has been updated to incorporate the Councils' adoption of best practice from the CIPFA'S publication Fighting Fraud Locally Strategy. Also a commitment to data share for the purposes of prevention and detection of crime.
3. Councils have a responsibility under the Local Government Finance Act to safeguard the public purse and the attached policy details the Councils corporate approach to address Fraud and Corruption.
4. Both councils have Whistleblowing policies and procedures that underpin Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policies. The revised policy titled Protected Disclosure Policy updates the existing policy and reinforces the confidentiality of reports and the support to anyone raising a legitimate concern.
5. The attached policy incorporates the latest guidance as recommended by the Charity "Public Concern at Work" and complies with the statutory requirements of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998.

6. The Audit & Standards Committee considered the proposed joint policies at the meeting held on 22 September 2016, and recommended to Council that these be agreed.

Background Papers attached (none)
