

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Joint Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy and Joint Whistleblowing Policy
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Officer Management Team-                      Director of Resources Prepared by-                                      Fraud and Compliance Manager (Chiltern DC and South Bucks DC Fraud Partnership)

## 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update the current Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy to a Joint Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy and to update the current Whistleblowing Policy to a Joint Whistleblowing Policy.

## 2. Links to Council Policy Objectives

- 2.1 Council has a duty to protect the public purse and protecting against fraud and corruption contributes to this. These policies contribute to providing value for money services to the residents of the district.

## 3. Background

- 3.1 Both Chiltern District Council and South Bucks District Council have existing Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policies. These policies are due for renewal and require updating to reflect changes to legislation.
- 3.2 The attached joint policy has been updated to incorporate the Councils' responsibilities identified in the Bribery Act 2010.
- 3.3 Councils have a responsibility under the Local Government Finance Act to safeguard the public purse and the attached policy details the Councils' proposed corporate approach to address fraud and corruption.
- 3.4 Both councils have whistleblowing policies and procedures that underpin the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policies.
- 3.5 Whistleblowing is an essential safeguard to individuals to enable them to raise genuine concerns without the fear of any discrimination or detriment to their position.
- 3.6 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.

## 4. Summary

- 4.1 Members are asked to consider the proposed Joint Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy and the Joint Whistleblowing Policy and subject to amendments the Audit Committee would like to make, recommends them to full Council for approval.

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<b>Background Papers:</b>	