

SUBJECT:	Joint Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy Joint Protected Disclosure Policy
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Audit Committee considers the Joint Protected Disclosure (Whistleblowing) and Joint Anti-Fraud Bribery and Corruption Policies and subject to any amendments it wishes to make, recommends the policies:

- 1. Joint Anti –Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy**
- 2. Joint Protected Disclosure Policy.**

Report

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

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.

Background Papers attached (none)
