

## **ANNUAL REVIEW OF ANTI FRAUD AND CORRUPUTION POLICY**

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**Wards affected: ALL**

### ***PROPOSED DECISION***

That the 2017 Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy as attached at Appendix A be approved.

### **Corporate Implications**

The delivery of an Anti-Fraud and Corruption policy forms an integral consideration to the Council approach to tackling fraud and corruption.

### **Executive Summary**

The 2017 Anti - Fraud and Corruption Policy sets out the Council's approach to anti-fraud and corruption and replaces the previous policy which was approved by this Committee in June 2016.

The policy has been reviewed and the following revisions have been made:

Para - 1.8 - reference to external scrutiny by HM Revenues and Customs and Other Commissioners has been removed.

Para 1.10 - reference to training as part of the Anti- Fraud and Corruption Policy has been removed.

Para 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 wording has been revised in respect of the Disclosure (Whistle Blowing) Policy and the processes that will be followed.

Para 3.1 has been revised and is now reflected in an Appendix that sets out how the various Council polices are to be used to prevent, detect and investigate fraud.

Para 4.8 - 4.10 has been revised to provide clarity as regards Members Code of Conduct.

Para 5.10 - has been revised and reference to "reasonable belief" has been replaced with the "balance of probability" test which is in line with the Councils Disciplinary Policy.

Para 7 - reference to training has been removed from the Policy as it does not relate to operation of the Policy, however training and awareness as regards the Policy will continue to be provided by the Audit, Risk and Corporate Investigation Team.

The 3 approval signatories have been removed in line with other Council policies. Final approval of the Policy rests with the Audit Committee.

## **Background Papers**

Wycombe District Council's Anti- Fraud and Corruption Policy, approved by the Audit Committee on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016.