

Report to Audit and Governance Committee

Date:	29 March 2023
Title:	Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy
Relevant councillor(s):	N/A
Author and/or contact officer:	Maggie Gibb, Head of Business Assurance (& Chief Auditor)
Ward(s) affected:	N/A
Recommendations:	To approve the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy
Reason for decision:	N/A

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to present the draft Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy for approval.
- 1.2 The Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy is owned by the Head of Business Assurance (& Chief Auditor) and is reviewed on an annual basis.
- 1.3 The updated policy has been presented to, and agreed by, the Corporate Management Team and the Audit Board (S151 Officer, Monitoring Officer and Director for Legal and Democratic Services).

2. Content of report

2.1 The policy has been reviewed to ensure it is reflecting the latest legislation and complies with best practice. The main changes have been in relation to the inclusion of references to Social Housing related offences, and the addition of a section on Sanction and Redress.

3. Other options considered

- 3.1 N/A.
- 4. Legal and financial implications
- 4.1 None.
- 5. Corporate implications
- 5.1 None.
- 6. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views
- 6.1 N/A

7. Communication, engagement & further consultation

7.1 N/A.

8. Next steps and review

8.1 The Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy is subject to review on an annual basis, with the next review scheduled for February 2024.

9. Background papers

9.1 Current Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy:

https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/your-council/our-policies/anti-fraud-andcorruption-policy/

10. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

10.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report, please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider, please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by telephone 01296 382343 or email <u>democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk</u>.