

	Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee 23 November 2010	Agenda Item No. <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em;">6</div>
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Title	Anti Fraud and Corruption Strategy Half-Yearly Review
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Service Area	Finance
Wards of the District directly affected	Not applicable
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee – 22 June 2010. Minute 22
Background Papers	Anti Fraud and Corruption Strategy

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	No
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	No

Officer/Councillor Approval

With regard to officer approval all reports *must* be approved by the report author's relevant director, Finance, Legal Services and the relevant Portfolio Holder(s).

Officer Approval	Date	Name
Deputy Chief Executive	03 Nov 2010	Andrew Jones
Chief Executive		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer	03 Nov 2010	Mike Snow
Legal		
Finance	03 Nov 2010	As S151 Officer
Portfolio Holder(s)	03 Nov 2010	Councillor Andrew Mobbs

Consultation Undertaken

Not applicable

Final Decision? Yes

Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 A report on the annual review of the Anti Fraud and Corruption Strategy was presented to Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee on 22 June 2010 together with an action plan for 2010/2011.
- 1.2 One of the points in the action plan was to present a mid term report recording progress to date against the action plan.
- 1.3 This report details progress against the 2010/2011 action plan as required. A copy of the action plan including details of progress to date is attached as Appendix A.
- 1.4 A report on the review of the Strategy, progress against the action plan and an action plan for 2011/2012 will be presented to committee in June next year.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That members note the report and its contents.

3. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Reviewing the Strategy each year, and as part of that preparing and completing an action plan, contributes to improving the control environment, raising awareness on fraud and corruption issues and the prevention and detection of fraud and corruption.
- 3.2 The approved action plan for 2010/2011 required a mid term report on progress to date against the plan.

4. **ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 There are no alternatives to approving the updated action plan.

5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 It is possible for fraud and corruption to have some bearing on all of the Council's activities. However, completion of the action plan does not have a direct impact on any budget.

6. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 6.1 The Council is committed to managing its services and resources openly, fairly and efficiently. The Anti Fraud and Corruption Strategy assists in delivering those aims.

7. **BACKGROUND**

- 7.1 In the mid 1990s the Audit Commission produced a series of reports entitled "Protecting the Public Purse" which drew attention to the levels of fraud and corruption in the public sector and made recommendations on measures to address the problem.

- 7.2 One of the recommendations concerned the creation of an anti fraud culture and specifically the formal adoption of a policy which stated the Council's stance and sent a clear message to all concerned that fraud and corruption would not be tolerated.
- 7.3 The Council first adopted a policy in September 1995 and this was replaced by the current policy and strategy in September 2005.