

# AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE 26 June 2013

ITEM 7

Report of the Strategic Director of Resources

## **Anti-Fraud & Corruption Policy & Strategy**

## **SUMM**ARY

1.1 This report provides an update on the review carried out of the Council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and Strategy and seeks approval for the document.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 To note and approve the updated Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and Strategy document.

#### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 The Audit and Accounts Committee is responsible for providing assurance to the Council on the effectiveness of the governance arrangements, risk management framework and internal control environment.

#### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 As part of the activities of the Anti-Fraud Working Group, a programme of reviews of the Council's strategies and policies relating to the work of the group is being undertaken. The Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and Strategy was originally approved in September 2010. During the review, the policy has been updated to;
  - refer to policies and strategies which have been introduced since it was last approved,
  - include the need to refer fraudulent acts, corrupt acts and disciplinary investigations involving allegations of fraud to the Head of Governance and Assurance
  - include the Council's participation in the Audit Commission's Annual Fraud Survey as part of its anti-fraud activities.

The revised policy and strategy document is attached at Appendix 2.

4.2 The Council's Fraud Response Plan has been updated to reflect any changes to post titles. This document is available on iDerby.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

## 5.1 N/A

## This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	n/a
Financial officer	n/a
Human Resources officer	n/a
Estates/Property officer	n/a
Service Director(s)	n/a
Other(s)	Chief Officer Group

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Background papers: List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 - Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and Strategy

#### **IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Financial and Value for Money**

1.1 None directly arising

#### Legal

2.1 None directly arising

#### Personnel

3.1 None directly arising

#### **Equalities Impact**

4.1 None directly arising

#### **Health and Safety**

5.1 None directly arising

#### **Environmental Sustainability**

6.1 None directly arising

#### **Property and Asset Management**

7.1 None directly arising

#### **Risk Management**

8.1 The effective management of risk is a core principle of good governance.

#### Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 The functions of the Committee have been established to support delivery of corporate objectives by enhancing scrutiny of various aspects of the Council's controls and governance arrangements.