

**Report for: GOVERNANCE, AUDIT,
RISK MANAGEMENT &
STANDARDS
COMMITTEE**

Date of Meeting:	30 November 2022
Subject:	Draft Corporate Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy 2022-26 consultation
Responsible Officer:	Dawn Calvert – Director of Finance & Assurance
Portfolio Holder:	David Ashton – Portfolio Holder for Finance and Human Resources
Exempt:	No
Wards affected:	All
Enclosures:	Draft Corporate Anti-Fraud & Corruption Strategy 2022-26

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the draft Corporate Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy for consultation

Recommendations:

The Committee is invited to review and comment on the strategy as part of the wider cross Council consultation process

Section 2 – Report

Corporate Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy 2022-26 consultation Background

2.1 Fraud and corruption risks pose a real threat to the Council not delivering its Corporate Objectives. Fraud not only removes resources from critical services but can cause untold social harms to individuals and communities and create poor morale amongst employees.

2.2 At a time when fraud and corruption represents more than 40% of all crime against individuals in England and Wales, it is imperative that the Council has a plan in place to deal with fraud risks.

2.3 Having a robust corporate anti-fraud and corruption strategy in place can help mitigate fraud and corruption risks to prevent and disrupt criminals from committing fraud and enable the Council to react robustly and swiftly when fraud is identified.

2.4 This updated strategy is aligned closely to the fraud strategy for Local Government; *Fighting Fraud and Corruption Locally, a strategy for the 2020's (FFCL)*. The pillars of *Govern, Acknowledge, Prevent, Pursue and Protect* form a key part of this strategy update and sets out the measures in place to protect the Council moving forward.

Resources

There are no resource implications as the strategy will replace the current strategy in the constitution.

Legal Implications

This is an information report

Financial Implications

This is an information report

Risk Management Implications

This is an information report

Procurement Implications

This is an information report

Council Priorities

The Corporate Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy contributes to all corporate priorities by enhancing the robustness of the control environment and governance mechanisms that directly or indirectly support the priorities.

Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty

This is an information report

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

This is an information report and does not require statutory clearance

Mandatory Checks

Ward Councillors notified: NO, as it impacts on all Wards

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: None