

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

| Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations |
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| 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

**Contact:** Justin Phillips, Corporate Anti Fraud Manager, 020 8424 1609

**Background Papers: None**