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To: Governance and Audit Committee – 24 July 2013
Subject: **REVIEW OF ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION STRATEGY**
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This paper provides a summary of proposed amendments to the Council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy.

FOR DECISION

Introduction and Background

1. In April 2012 the Government launched "Fighting Fraud Locally: The Local Government Fraud Strategy". The strategy calls for a tougher approach to tackling fraud against local authorities and is organised around three themes of Acknowledge, Prevent and Pursue. A copy of the document is available on KNet via the counter fraud pages.
2. We have completed an annual review of the Council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy in line with the themes and principles of the government strategy. Having completed this review we are of the view that the strategy remains fit for purpose and only requires a minor amendment in relation to the renaming of the Criminal Records Bureau (paragraph 17).
3. In these circumstances the strategy would not normally be re-presented to the Committee for approval, but given the change in membership of the Committee, the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy has been attached at Appendix A for the Committee to approve.
4. New Committee members may wish to note the sections on culture (para. 3), the role of elected members (para. 4 & 5), raising concerns (para. 31 - 34) and the actions if evidence of a criminal offence is discovered (para. 17 - 29 of Annex 1).

Recommendations

5. Members are asked to approve the slightly amended Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy (Appendix A).

Paul Rock
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