

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**10 April 2012**

**Report of the Management Team**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters for Information**

**1 MANAGEMENT TEAM ASSURANCE ON COMPLIANCE WITH AUDITING STANDARDS**

**Summary**

**As part of the Audit Commission annual inspection there is a requirement for Management Team to confirm to the District Auditor that the above standards relating to fraud have been complied with. The Audit Committee and General Purposes Committee have to provide a similar assurance and this report provides supporting evidence to their consideration.**

**1.1 Assurance**

1.1.1 The determination of compliance with these standards is based upon a set of questions posed by the District Auditor. Responses to these questions are provided by the Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Monitoring Officer.

1.1.2 The questions and responses are attached. **[Annex 1]**

1.1.3 It is the opinion of Management Team that these standards are being complied with.

**1.2 Legal Implications**

1.2.1 Failure to comply with these standards could leave the Council open to a higher incidence rate of fraud resulting in additional legal costs to resolve.

**1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

1.3.1 None compliance with these standards could result in additional work being required by the Audit Commission to satisfy themselves that fraud and error were being prevented.

1.3.2 Any incidents of fraud require in depth investigation and use considerable resources to resolve. Any cost effective action to prevent instances of fraud will result in resources being diverted to deal with them.

## 1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 It is considered that the risk management system in place supported by the policies and internal controls are sufficiently robust to minimise incidents of fraud and ensure compliance with the standards.

## 1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

1.5.1 As this is not a decision paper there is no equality impact identified.

Background papers:

contact: David Buckley

Council policies and records

David Hughes  
Chief Executive

Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	Information item
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	No	Information item
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

*In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.*