

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

07 September 2005

Report of the Director of Finance

Part 1- Public

Matters for Recommendation to Council

1 ANTI-FRAUD POLICY AND BENEFITS ANTI-FRAUD POLICY

Summary

This report advises Cabinet Members of the annual review of the above documents by the Policy and Best Value Committee of 29 June 2005. This Committee recommended Cabinet endorsement of the policies and a recommendation for full Council endorsement.

1.1 Anti-Fraud Policy and Benefits Anti-Fraud Policy

1.1.1 Cabinet Members will be aware that these two policies form part of the Council's overall Corporate Governance approach. The Policy and Best Value Committee has the responsibility for carrying out an annual review of these policies. This review ensures that the policies are up to date.

1.1.2 Following this review the policies require endorsement by Cabinet and then Full Council. This process is intended to reinforce the Council's Corporate Governance culture.

1.1.3 There were minor amendments to the policies to ensure consistency and these were reported at the June meeting of the Policy and Best Value Committee.

1.1.4 Members of that Committee reviewed the policies and recommended endorsement of the policies by Cabinet and thereafter by full Council.

1.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.2.1 It is **RECOMMENDED** that:

- 1) Cabinet endorses the Anti-Fraud Policy and Benefits Anti-Fraud Policy as contained in the Annexes presented to the Policy and Best Value Committee on 29 June 2005; and
- 2) Cabinet recommends the endorsement of these policies by full Council.

Background papers:

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Policy and Benefits Anti Fraud Policy – 29 June 2005

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