

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**5 February 2013**

**Report of the Director of Finance and Transformation (Designate)**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters for Recommendation to Council**

**1 REVIEW OF ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY**

**Members are requested to endorse the Anti-Fraud & Corruption Policy following review by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 29 January and the Audit Committee on 28 January. Any issues raised at those meetings will be reported verbally.**

**1.1 Introduction**

1.1.1 The Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy is designed to set out the Council's approach to dealing with fraud and corruption. The latest version of the policy was approved by Council in February 2011.

1.1.2 There are no current proposed alterations to the existing policy. The policy does require a review to take place so Members of the Audit Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have been requested to conduct a review at their meetings on 28 and 29 January 2013 respectively.

1.1.3 The outcomes of these considerations and any recommendations made at either meeting will be reported verbally.

**1.2 Legal Implications**

1.2.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

**1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

1.3.1 Maintaining an Anti-Fraud culture will assist in reducing levels of fraud. Distribution of the policy is one way in which fraud awareness can maintain a high profile. The current policy is considered fit for this purpose.

## 1.4 Risk Assessment

- 1.4.1 The Anti-Fraud Policies form part of the overall risk management process for the Council. They set out responsibilities in order to raise risk awareness and keep fraud prevention as an ongoing consideration.

## 1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.5.1 There are no changes being recommended and therefore no impact has been identified.

## 1.6 Policy Considerations

- 1.6.1 This policy is part of the Crime & Disorder Reduction framework.

## 1.7 Recommendations

- 1.7.1 Subject to any issues being raised by the Audit Committee or the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet is invited to **RECOMMEND** the proposed policy to Council

Background papers:

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Nil

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Director of Finance and Transformation (Designate)

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	No changes being recommended to current policy
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	No	No changes being recommended to current policy
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.*