

**SUBJECT: ANTI-BRIBERY POLICY**

**REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND TOWN CLERK**

**LEAD OFFICER: PAUL BERRY, PRINCIPAL AUDITOR**

## **1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 To obtain comments on and approve the updated Anti-Bribery Policy.

## **2. Executive Summary**

2.1 The Council's Anti-Bribery Policy was last updated in 2019 and is due for review every two years.

## **3. Background & Changes to the Policy**

3.1 The Bribery Act 2010 makes it an offence to offer, promise or give a bribe and to request, agree to receive or accept a bribe.

3.2 The Policy sets out the Council's policy on anti-bribery in accordance with the legislation and guidance.

3.3 A compare to other recent Local Authority Anti-Bribery policies and best practice documents found that no changes to the existing policy are required.

## **4. Organisational Impacts**

4.1 Finance (including whole life costs where applicable)

There are no direct financial implications arising as a result of this report.

4.2 Legal Implications including Procurement Rules

There are no direct legal implications arising as a result of this report.

4.3 Equality, Diversity & Human Rights

The Public Sector Equality Duty means that the Council must consider all individuals when carrying out their day-to-day work, in shaping policy, delivering services and in relation to their own employees.

It requires that public bodies have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination
- Advance equality of opportunity
- Foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities.

There are no direct E and D implications arising as a result of this report.

## 5. Recommendation

5.1 That the Audit Committee review and approve the latest version of the policy.

**Key Decision** No

**Do the Exempt Information Categories Apply?** No

**Call in and Urgency:** Is the decision one to which Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply? No

**How many appendices does the report contain?** One

**List of Background Papers:** None

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