

SUBJECT: ANTI-BRIBERY POLICY

DIRECTORATE: CHIEF EXECUTIVE & TOWN CLERK

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1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Background

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 The Policy sets out the Council's policy on anti-bribery in accordance with the legislation and guidance.
- 2.3 The Council's Anti-Bribery Policy was last updated in 2021 and is due for review every two years.
- 2.4 A comparison with other recent Local Authority Anti-Bribery policies and best practice documents found that only paragraph 10 within the policy required updating. This paragraph has been updated to reflect the 2015 Public Contract Regulations. Other changes made are to the formatting to bring it into line with the other policies i.e. adding on a front sheet and review table. The full policy is attached with the changed paragraph highlighted in red text.

3. Strategic Priorities

Ensuring that the Council has effective arrangements in place for the prevention of Fraud and Corruption is part of the Council's overall governance framework. The Anti-bribery policy is one of the suite of policies which supports the overall Counter Fraud Policy.

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 and 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

Due to the nature of this report there are no direct equality, diversity or human rights implications.

5. Recommendation

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

Is this a key decision?	No
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Do the exempt information categories apply?	No
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Does Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (call-in and urgency) apply?	No
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How many appendices does the report contain?	1
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List of Background Papers:	None
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