



Audit Advisory Committee

5 December 2017

Report from the Chief Finance Officer

Anti-Fraud and Bribery Policy 2017

Wards Affected:	ALL
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non-Key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
No. of Appendices:	One: • Anti-Fraud and Bribery Policy 2017
Background Papers:	N/A
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members and seek approval of the new Anti-Fraud and Bribery Policy. The policy has been brought up to date to reflect the fraud risks, legislation and working practices currently applicable in Brent.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the Audit Advisory Committee notes and approves the contents of the new Anti-Fraud and Bribery Policy.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The policy incorporates relatively new legislation to combat fraud in Social Housing and the Council Tax Reduction Scheme.
- 3.2 The refreshed policy builds upon its already strong and robust sanction policy to incorporate new disposal methods such as cautions and administrative penalties as an alternative to prosecution.
- 3.3 The policy compliments existing Whistleblowing, Anti-Money Laundering and Disciplinary policies and will also contribute to the overall framework of Corporate Governance established to ensure that the council is well managed

and fulfils its statutory and regulatory duties in a proper and responsible manner.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None. There are no specific financial implications associated with noting this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 None. The Council is required by law to maintain an effective internal audit function and also to have in place a robust anti-fraud framework.

6.0 Equality Implications

6.1 None.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

7.1 None.

8.0 Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)

8.1 None.

Report sign off:

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