

Teignbridge District Council

Audit Scrutiny

18 January 2023

Part 1

ANTI FRAUD AND CORRUPTION AND WHISTLEBLOWING POLICIES

Purpose of Report

To present updated Anti Fraud and Corruption, and Whistleblowing policies for members' approval.

Recommendation

The Audit Scrutiny Committee recommends the draft Anti Fraud and Corruption, and Whistleblowing policies to Council for approval.

Financial Implications

Fraud presents a potential financial risk to the Council. These policies form part of the Council's control framework for managing fraud risk.

Legal Implications

The Council has responsibility under the Accounts and Audit Regulations to make arrangements for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Risk Assessment

Anti Fraud and Corruption and Whistleblowing policies help ensure fraud risks are appropriately managed.

Environmental / Climate Change Implications

None.

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Appendices/Background Papers

- Anti Fraud and Corruption Policy (draft)
- Whistleblowing Policy (draft)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek Members' approval for the revised draft Anti Fraud and Corruption, and Whistleblowing policies.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Anti Fraud and Corruption, and Whistleblowing Policies form part of the governance arrangements for the Council, and are included in the [Council's Constitution](#). The Audit Scrutiny Committee is responsible for monitoring these arrangements. The existing policies have recently been reviewed to ensure they continue to reflect current legislation and best practice.
- 2.2 The policies were presented to the Council's Corporate Management Team and to Strategic Leadership Team for review and feedback in December 2022, and approval is now sought from Audit Scrutiny members. Full Council approval will then need to be obtained, due to the fact that these documents form part of the Council's Constitution.

2.3 The **Anti Fraud and Corruption Strategy** sets out the Council's approach to fraud and defines roles and responsibilities for counter fraud arrangements.

2.3 **The Whistleblowing Policy**'s main purpose is to encourage and provide protection to members of staff and councillors wishing to raise genuine concerns internally.

5. **CONCLUSION**

The Anti Fraud and Corruption, and Whistleblowing Policies are a key part of the Council's counter fraud framework. The reviewed and updated policies should be recommended to Council for approval.

6. **GROUPS CONSULTED**

- Strategic Leadership Team
- Corporate Management Team
- The Monitoring Officer
- Human Resources Team

8. **DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION (CONFIRMATION OF DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN)**

Not applicable.