

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 12 SEPTEMBER 2022

PART I - DELEGATED

**8. ANTI FRAUD AND CORRUPTION STRATEGY
(DoF)**

1 Summary

1.1 This report seeks member's approval of a revised Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy. This is a harmonised policy with Watford BC.

2 Details

2.1 This Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy is the mechanism for achieving a commitment to reduce losses to fraud and corruption to a minimum. Supporting this strategy there are controls that individually and collectively contribute to effective control environments at both Councils, and therefore to the prevention, detection, and investigation of fraud and corruption. They include for example sound financial management, effective and well-documented internal controls and an effective Sanctions Policy.

2.2 Included as Appendices to the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy are the Sanctions Policy and Anti Bribery Policy. Both also have been revised. The Sanctions Policy sets out the Councils policy towards sanctions, including criminal prosecutions, relating to offences committed by both internal (e.g. employees, members, contactors, etc.) and external offenders. The Anti Bribery Policy, provides a framework to enable employees and Members to understand and implement arrangements enabling compliance.

2.3 This Policy was presented to Audit Committee on the 26 July 2022. It was also approved by Watford BC on the 28 July 2022.

3 Options and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the revised Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy.

4 Policy/Budget Reference and Implications

4.1 The recommendations in this report are within the Council's agreed policy and budgets.

5 Equal Opportunities Implications

5.1 Relevance Test

Has a relevance test been completed for Equality Impact? There will be no effect to equal opportunities with the proposed changes to the policy.	No
Did the relevance test conclude a full impact assessment was required? The recommended changes relate to legislative updates.	N/A

6 Financial, Legal, Staffing, Environmental, Community Safety, Public Health, Customer Services Centre, Communications & Website, Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications

6.1 None specific.

7 Recommendation

7.1 That the Committee agree this revised Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy.

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Data Quality

Data sources:

Fraud management system Incase

Data checked by: Garry Turner, Fraud Manager

Data rating:

1	Poor	
2	Sufficient	✓
3	High	

Background Papers

Previous Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy

APPENDICES / ATTACHMENTS

1. Anti - Fraud and Corruption Strategy