

**Report to:** Audit Committee

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**Report of:** Director of Corporate Resources

**Report No:**

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**Report Title:** **Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy**

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Non Confidential:**

(**Non-Confidential**) This report does **not** contain information which warrants its consideration in the absence of the press or members of the public

**Purpose:**

To allow the Audit Committee to consider the revised Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy and comment on it.

**Recommendations:**

The Audit Committee is asked to agree the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy as attached to this report.

**Decision:**

**Background Doc(s):**

Anti-Fraud Policy – August 2006.

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Council originally agreed an Anti-Fraud Statement in 1998 along with a range of supporting processes and codes. The strategy was last updated in August 2006 and needs to be reviewed every two years.

The Anti-Fraud Policy is a key cornerstone of the Council's governance arrangements and it is important that it is kept up to date. The Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) highlights this area as fundamental to the good governance of an authority and recommends regular reviews. It is with this in mind, and the need to keep up with the constant changes in the way the organisation works, that a review of the anti-fraud strategy has been undertaken.

## **2. REVIEW PROCESS:**

In reviewing the existing Anti-Fraud Strategy a variety of research was undertaken:

- Legislation and regulation
- Best practice
- Professional guidance and advice
- Greater Manchester Anti-Fraud Group
- Greater Manchester Chief Internal Auditors Group.
- Experience of using the existing policy

The research confirms the need to produce one overarching document which brings together a policy statement on the issue with a reminder of roles and responsibilities, and signposts to other more detailed procedures.

Based upon the above research revised strategy has been brought together and is attached as an appendix to this report. There are no fundamental changes to the existing policy but the document now takes on board some revised policies relating to ICT.

## **3. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Audit Committee is asked to consider and agree the revised Anti-Fraud Strategy as attached to this report.