

(c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no human rights issues arising from this report.

(d) Equalities Impact Assessment

There are no equality issues arising from this report.

5. **Supporting Information**

5.1 The Council has had a number of anti-fraud policies and procedures in place for many years. To ensure that policies and procedures remain effective and up to date, it is good practice to review them on a regular basis, and revise them where necessary to ensure they continue to be fit for purpose. The amended Counter Fraud and Corruption Strategy, (and appendices) are included at Appendix 1 has been reviewed and updated accordingly.

5.2 The document is comprised of the following key elements:

- Counter Fraud and Corruption Strategy
- Anti-Fraud Response Plan
- Anti-money Laundering Policy
- Anti-bribery Policy
- Sanction Policy

5.3 The accompanying policy statement makes it clear that the Council operates a 'zero tolerance' approach towards fraud and corruption, using the full range of sanctions available against any individual or organisation found to be committing fraud. The policy applies to all parts of the Council and to all employees, volunteers, contractors and consultants in relation to their work with/for the authority.

6. **Comments of Other Committees**

The draft strategy was considered by the Audit & Corporate Governance Committee on Thursday 16th March 2017 and it was agreed to recommend the document to the Cabinet.

7. **Conclusion**

The Cabinet is requested to consider the Audit & Corporate Government Committee's recommendation to approve the attached Counter Fraud and Corruption Strategy at Appendix .1

8. **Appendices Attached**

Appendix 1 - Counter Fraud and Corruption Strategy

9. **Background Papers**

None.