

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

REPORT TO: EXECUTIVE
Date: 4 March 2019
TOPIC: ANTI-FRAUD, CORRUPTION AND BRIBERY POLICY
REPORT BY: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Anti Fraud, Corruption and Bribery Policy is due for review and this report seeks a recommendation from Executive to Council to adopt the revised policy.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That Executive notes the Council's zero tolerance to fraud corruption and bribery and approves the updated Anti-Fraud, Corruption and Bribery Policy.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The policy provides a clear statement of the Council's position and response to fraud, corruption and bribery activity.
- 3.2 The policy provides the mechanisms for detecting and reporting suspected fraud, corruption and bribery activity.

4. CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

Article or Appendix and paragraph	Referred or delegated power?	Key decision?
Part 3 annexe 4	Delegated	No

5. REPORT

- 5.1 The Fraud Act 2006, which came into force on 15 January 2007, introduced the general offence of fraud and the ways it could be committed.
- 5.2 On 1 July 2011 the Bribery Act 2010 came into force. This Act replaced and consolidated a number of earlier Prevention of Corruption Acts 1889 to 1916.
- 5.3 The policy attached incorporates the provisions required of the Bribery Act and therefore brings together a single policy for dealing with suspected fraud, corruption and bribery.
- 5.4 There have been a small number of updates but no significant changes to the Council's Anti-Fraud, Corruption and Bribery policy, which is now recommended for adoption.
- 5.5 The draft document was reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee on 8 January 2019.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no resource implications resulting from this report.
- 6.2 Any publicity will be met from existing resources.

7. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE

- 7.1 The author (below) confirms that advice has been taken from all appropriate Councillors and officers.

8. STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

- 8.1 This report contains no confidential information or exempt information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of 1972 Act.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 The background papers are available for inspection and kept by the author of the report.

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