

Corporate Policy for the Prevention and Detection of Fraud, Bribery and Corruption

POLICY STATEMENT

- 1 This Policy is intended to cover fraud, theft, corruption and bribery.
- 2 The Council expects the highest standards of propriety and ethics in the delivery of its services and the management of its resources and assets.
- 3 The Council will carry out its business fairly, honestly and openly at all times.
- 4 The Council does not and will not tolerate any form of fraud, corruption or bribery when undertaking any of its responsibilities, including Housing / Council Tax Benefit fraud.
- 5 The Council will prevent fraud, corruption and bribery by designing and formulating proportionate policies and systems to minimise risk.
- 6 The Council will continue to promote the detection and investigation of fraud, corruption and bribery including the application of robust, effective sanctions and recovery procedures where it is identified.
- 7 The Council recognises that bribery is a criminal offence. The Council does not, and will not, pay bribes or offer improper inducements to anyone for any purpose, nor will it, accept bribes or improper inducements. To use a third party as a conduit to channel bribes to others is a criminal offence.
- 8 The Council does not, and will not, engage indirectly in or otherwise encourage bribery. The Council is committed to the prevention, deterrence and detection of bribery and adopts a position of zero tolerance towards bribery.

