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TITLE	: DRAFT REVISED ANTI FRAUD AND CORRUPTION STRATEGY		
TO / ON	: AUDIT SUB COMMITTEE	5 JUNE 2003	
BY	: CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR		
STATUS	: FOR PUBLICATION		

1.0 TYPE OF DECISION

1.1 What type of decision is to be taken?

EXECUTIVE DECISION		COUNCIL DECISION	
Key		Non Key	

1.2 If a key decision, has it been included in the Forward Plan?

Inclusion in Forward Plan		Date of Plan	
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2.0 SUMMARY

This report sets out a Draft Revised Anti Fraud and Corruption Strategy for consideration by Members. This is intended to ensure that the Council is up to date in its policies and thinking and conducts its affairs in accordance with the law and proper standards. The strategy will help to ensure that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for and used economically, efficiently and effectively.

3.0 OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDED OPTION (with reasons)

Members can accept, reject or amend the draft revised Anti Fraud and Corruption Strategy.
Members are recommended to adopt the strategy, subject to final comments from officers and Members and to consultation with staff representatives.

4.0 THIS REPORT HAS THE FOLLOWING IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Aims

The strategy will influence the manner in which the Council seeks to achieve all of the Corporate Aims. It seeks particularly to support the objective of developing a culture of open accountability and performance management.

It also complements the Council's 5 Core Values.

Policy Framework

The Strategy will not form part of the Policy Framework but it is intended to influence the manner in which the Council delivers all the policies within the Framework.

Statement by Monitoring Officer

The Strategy is consistent with statutory requirements placed on the Council and in particular it complements the modernising agenda set out in the Local Government Act 2000.

Statement by Director of Finance & E-Government

The Strategy can be delivered from within existing resources.

Human Resource IT/Land and Property Implications

There are no direct human resource, IT or land and property implications arising from this report.

Wards/Area Boards affected

The Strategy will influence the way in which the Council delivers services across all wards/Area Boards.

Scrutiny Panel's Interest

The Strategy will influence the work of all of the Panels and Commissions. Prime responsibility for scrutinising the strategy will fall on the Resource Scrutiny Panel.

Consultations

Audit Commission, Management Board.

Call-in

Briefings

Executive Members/Chairs?	Yes	Chief Executive?	
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5.0 INTRODUCTION

- 5.1 The original strategy was first adopted in September 1997 in response to the Audit Commission publication “Protecting the Public Purse – Probity in the Public Sector: Combating Fraud and Corruption in Local Government”.
- 5.2 The strategy was revised in December 1998, and then reviewed and revised in December 2000.

6.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 This strategy is continually under review and this latest update has involved various consultations. It is made up of a number of distinct parts, each of which is capable of being taken on its own as a stand alone strategy.
- 6.2 Parts 3 and 3A contain a newly revised Benefits Prosecution Policy.
- 6.3 Members’ comments on this strategy are welcomed.
- 6.4 Further comments from officers and staff representatives are still being sought.
- 6.5 The fully revised document will be brought back to this Sub Committee in due course.

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Background documents:

None

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