

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL ON 6 APRIL 2017**  
**FROM CABINET ON 28 FEBRUARY 2017**

**CAB134: REVIEW OF ANTI FRAUD DOCUMENTS**

Councillor Daubney presented a report setting out a review of the Anti-Fraud documents as since 2014 several changes had taken place, which needed to be reflected in the anti-fraud suite of documents as outlined below:

- The work of the Benefits Enquiry Unit (BEU) on fraud relating to Benefits had transferred to the Single Fraud Investigation Service within the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). Capacity for investigating fraud relating to Council Tax and Business Rates, as well as dealing with the National Fraud Initiative work, had been retained within the Council in the form of a Fraud Investigations Officer/ Internal Auditor role. Reference to the investigation of Benefit fraud had been removed from the documents.
- The Deputy Chief Executive had left the Council and his responsibilities in relation to anti-fraud and whistleblowing had been transferred to the Assistant Director (s151 Officer).
- There had been a change in title for the Executive Director, Central Services to Executive Director, Central and Community Services.
- There had been a change in the title of the Audit Committee from Audit and Risk Committee.

The importance of ensuring this documentation was up to date was discussed and agreed.

As it was her last Cabinet meeting, the Cabinet wished Kate Littlewood, Audit Manager well in her retirement and thanked her for her assistance during her time with the Council.

**RECOMMENDED:** 1) That the proposed Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy, Fraud Response Plan and Whistleblowing Policy be approved.

2) That delegated authority be given to the Assistant Director – Resources in consultation with the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Anti-Fraud and Corruption to update the documents in the future following consultation with the Audit Committee.

**Reason for Decision**

To bring the anti-fraud documents up-to-date to reflect current good practice.

CAB135: **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT, MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2017/18**

Cabinet considered a report which explained that the Council was required to receive and approve a Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy which covered:

- Capital plans, including prudential indicators
- A Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy
- The Treasury Management Strategy
- An Investment Strategy

The report covered the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003, the Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountants (CIPFA) Prudential Code, the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) MRP Guidance, the CIPFA Treasury Management Code and the CLG Investment Guidance.

The report also looked at the period 2017/2021 which fitted with the council's financial plan and capital programme and was based upon the Treasury Officers' views on interest rates, supplemented with leading market forecasts provided by the Council's Treasury Advisor, Capita Asset Services, Treasury Solutions.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the following be approved:

- 1) The Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2017/2018, including treasury indicators for 2017/2021.
- 2) The Investment Strategy 2017/2018.
- 3) The Minimum Revenue Provision Policy 2017/2018.
- 4) Adopt the revised Treasury Management Practices (TMPs).

**Reason For The Decision**

The Council must produce a Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2017/2018 by 31 March 2017.