

**Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee  
16 June 2017**

**Report by the Corporate Planning/  
Performance Manager and Finance  
Manager**

## **ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION STATEMENT 2016/17**

### **REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In response to a recommendation within the Internal Audit Report 'Counter Fraud Arrangements 2016/17' conducted during the third quarter of 2016/17, the Authority will produce and make publically available an annual Anti-Fraud and Corruption Statement.

The statement will cover key actions taken throughout the year, provide an assurance of the processes in place and provide links to key documents.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Committee are asked to review the draft Anti-Fraud and Corruption Statement 2016/17 and make any recommendations to the Fire Authority as necessary.

## BACKGROUND

2. Members are aware that an Internal Audit Review of Counter Fraud Arrangements was conducted during the third quarter of 2016/17.
3. The review examined the arrangements in place for dealing with any issues concerning countering fraud, bribery and corruption that might arise within the Fire Authority. This included that key policies are in place to embed those arrangements, the promotion of good governance and principles of ethical behaviour/probity, procedures for dealing with allegations of fraud, bribery or corruption, staff awareness of the potential for criminal acts and how concerns might be reported and also any measures taken to promote fraud prevention and increase deterrence against potential frauds.
4. The outcomes of the review, including a number of recommendations and agreed actions, was reported to the GAS Committee 10 April, 2017.
5. A specific recommendation was received that 'The Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive should make a formal statement of the Fire Authority's commitment to anti-fraud, bribery and corruption measures and publish the statement on the official website'. The arising draft statement, based upon the Audit Commission checklist for councillors and others responsible for governance, is included at Appendix A.

## STRATEGIC PLAN COMPATIBILITY

6. This report supports good governance arrangements, which is an enabler for the Strategic Plan.

## FINANCIAL/RESOURCES/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

7. None arising directly.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8. None arising directly.

## EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT/HR IMPLICATIONS

9. None arising directly.

## CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

10. None directly arising

## HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

11. None directly arising.

## COMMUNICATION ACTIONS ARISING

12. This Statement will be published on the HFRS website following approval by the Fire Authority.

## DETAILS OF CONSULTATION AND/OR COLLABORATION

13. The Corporate Management Team been consulted in the preparation of this Statement.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS AVAILABLE FOR ACCESS

14. Internal Audit Report 'Counter Fraud Arrangements 2016/17'.

## RECOMMENDATIONS RESTATED

15. The Committee are asked to review the draft Anti-Fraud and Corruption Statement for 2016/17 and make any recommendations to the Fire Authority as necessary.

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