

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO AND DECISION OF AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ON 21 NOVEMBER 2019

PART A : REPORT

SUBJECT: Updates to the Anti-Fraud, Corruption & Bribery Policy

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PORTFOLIO AREA: Corporate Support

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Audit & Governance Committee is the designated body for oversight of the Council's anti-fraud culture

The Council's Anti-Fraud, Corruption & Bribery Policy has been reviewed and updated, requiring Committee approval for adoption by Full Council

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Members of the Audit & Governance Committee are requested to consider the updates to the Policy and recommend its adoption by Full Council

1. BACKGROUND:

The Council has a published Anti-Fraud, Corruption & Bribery Policy. This was last updated in 2013, with the changes agreed and adopted by Full Council at its meeting of 23 October 2013.

The Policy has been reviewed and updated to take into consideration:-

- legislative changes
- changes to the Council's structure
- updates to the Council's Constitution and Officer Code of Conduct.

(Changed areas are highlighted).

2. PROPOSAL(S):

It is proposed that the updates to the Anti-Fraud, Corruption & Bribery Policy be recommended for adoption by Full Council

3. OPTIONS:

To recommend the updates to the Policy are adopted by Full Council, or not		
4. CONSULTATION:		
In preparing the report, the Group Head of Council Advice & Monitoring Officer and the Human Resources Manager were consulted on the changes relevant to their areas		
Has consultation been undertaken with:	YES	NO
Relevant Town/Parish Council		✓
Relevant District Ward Councillors		✓
Other groups/persons (please specify)		✓
5. ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES: (Explain in more detail at 6 below)	YES	NO
Financial	✓	
Legal	✓	
Human Rights/Equality Impact Assessment		✓
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act		✓
Sustainability		✓
Asset Management/Property/Land		✓
Technology		✓
Other (please explain)		✓
6. IMPLICATIONS:		
Fraud undertaken against the Council, by either staff or external parties, would impact the Council financially and could require legal action to be undertaken		

7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:

The Committee notes the updates to the Anti-Fraud, Corruption & Bribery Policy and recommends that the updated Policy be adopted by Full Council

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

N/A