

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE
DATE: 10TH APRIL 2019
REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND COMMISSIONING
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SUBJECT : REVIEW OF ANTI-FRAUD POLICY AND ANTI-BRIBERY POLICY

Purpose of Report

1. These policies have not been reviewed for some time. This report outlines the amendments which are required to ensure the contents are up to date.

Recommended: That Members

- [1] Approve the amendments to the Anti-Fraud Policy and the Anti-Bribery Policy

Background

2. The Authority agreed an Anti-Bribery Policy in 2013. It is attached as Appendix 1 to this report incorporating some minor changes.
3. The Authority agreed an Anti-Fraud Policy in 2015. It is attached as Appendix 2 to this report incorporating some minor changes.

Information

4. Taken together, these Anti-Bribery and Anti-Fraud Policies set out the main principles aimed at countering fraud and corruption.
5. If an employee or agent of the Service becomes aware of circumstances which cause them concern, they should report the matter to the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer or Section 151 Officer. It is therefore important that their contact details are accurate. Alternatively, they should use the Whistleblowing Procedure.
6. Both policies now need updating to reflect changes to job titles and contact details and these changes are shown in red on Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

Financial Implications

7. Whilst failure to have robust policies dealing with fraud and bribery may lead to financial loss there are no financial consequences arising from these amendments.

Legal Implications

8. Failure to have robust policies concerned with fraud (and bribery) make it more likely that there would be breaches of the law.

Equality & Diversity Implications

9. There are no equality and diversity implications.

Environmental Implications

10. There are no environmental implications.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE