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Report of the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee: Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy (Sep11/11)

1. The Council is committed to high standards of corporate governance and has a number of related strategies and policies in place which are regularly updated and reviewed. These procedures include the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy.
2. The existing Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy was last updated in 2009, and needs to be kept under review in order to meet legal requirements and maintain the Council's high standards of corporate governance.
3. Amendments to the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy were considered by the Committee. These amendments were proposed to reflect the implications of the Bribery Act 2010, which came into force on 1 July 2011. Internal Audit are currently undertaking a focused review to determine current adherence to the requirements of the Bribery Act 2010, to ensure the Council's procedures cover six key principles. The outcome of this review will be reported to the Committee in the next Annual Fraud Report in April 2012, or sooner if significant concerns are raised.
4. The Committee **RECOMMENDS that, subject to the approval of full Council, the revised Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy, attached to Report C81, be adopted.**

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