

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

THE EXECUTIVE – 5th JULY 2004

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION STRATEGY

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To seek the Executive's endorsement of an Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 In their Comprehensive Performance Assessments the Audit Commission has acknowledged that Dudley MBC does have good controls against fraud and corruption. Nevertheless they considered that the position could be further improved by the formulation of an explicit strategy statement in relation to fraud and corruption. This has now been done and a draft is attached.

2.2 The primary purpose of the strategy is to consolidate in a single document, and also to clarify, the various roles and responsibilities in relation to fraud and corruption of:

- The Director of Finance
- The Chief Executive
- Service Directors (and their managers)
- Employees
- Internal Audit
- External Audit
- The Benefits Fraud Unit
- Members
- The Audit Committee

- The Standards Committee

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1** That the Executive recommend to the Council that the attached Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy for Dudley MBC be approved for inclusion in Part 6 of the Constitution.

4. FINANCE

- 4.1** There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

5. LAW

6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 6.1** This report complies fully with the Council's policies with regard to diversity and equal opportunities.

7. RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1** That the proposals set out in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 above be approved.

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