# Audit & Standards Committee

## 6 September 2017

## **Counter Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Framework**

### Recommendation

That the Audit and Standards Committee considers the updated Counter Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Framework set out in this report and recommend it for Cabinet approval

#### 1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 The Council has an existing Anti Fraud and Bribery Strategy and Policy outlining the Council's commitment to creating an anti-fraud culture and maintaining high ethical standards in its administration of public funds. Good practice requires regular reviews to ensure that changes in legislation and best practice are reflected appropriately.
- 1.2 It is important that Warwickshire County Council maintains high standards of probity and has a good reputation for protecting the public purse. The minimisation of losses to fraud and bribery is essential for ensuring that resources are used for their intended purpose. Sound systems of public accountability are vital to effective management and maintaining public confidence.

## 2.0 Options and Proposal

2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the updated Counter Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Framework (Appendix A) and recommend it for Cabinet approval.

#### 3.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

3.1 Following consideration by the Committee the proposed framework will be submitted to Cabinet on 7 September (outcomes arising from this meeting will be reported verbally). Following approval arrangements will be made to publicise the updated framework.

A formal Equality Analysis will be signed off before the meeting.

## **Background papers**

None

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