

**REVIEW OF THE AUTHORITY'S ANTI-FRAUD AND
ANTI-CORRUPTION STRATEGY****REPORT OF THE TREASURER****For Recommendation****1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 That Members review the updated Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy (Appendix 1).

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Members consideration be given regarding the updated Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy (Appendix 1).
- 2.2 That Members recommend the approval of the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy to the Cleveland Fire Authority meeting on 6 June 2025.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Fire Authority is committed to the prevention of fraud and corruption. The Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy (Appendix 1) emphasises the importance placed by the Fire Authority on probity, financial control and honest administration, and the expectation that all Members, employees, consultants, contractors and others are fair and honest, and provide any help, information and support to the Authority to deal with fraud and corruption.
- 3.2 To address the potential challenge of fraud and corruption, there are clear rules and procedures in place to provide a framework within which Members, employees, consultants and contractors can work.
- 3.3 As Treasurer to the Fire Authority, I am responsible for maintaining a continuous overview of the preventative systems in place to provide any indicators of fraudulent activity and deter fraud.
- 3.4 Under the terms of reference of the Audit & Governance Committee, Members of this committee are required to regularly review the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy which forms part of the Ethical Governance Framework.

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