REVIEW OF THE ANTI FRAUD & CORRUPTION STRATEGY (Report by the Audit Manager)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report details the outcome of the review of the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy.

2. THE STRATEGY

- 2.1 The Strategy was first approved by Cabinet in January 2004. It is best practice for such Strategies to be reviewed annually to ensure they are still appropriate.
- 2.2 In addition to a formal statement about not tolerating any instances of fraud, corruption or theft, the Strategy also details the various polices and procedures that are in place to support it.
- 2.3 The Strategy was amended in December 2005 by including reference to the Money Laundering Avoidance Policy. During the year, short guides have been written explaining how to identify and deal with money laundering and how to check a customer's identity. Training has also been undertaken with key staff.
- 2.4 Having reviewed the Strategy to ensure that it remains appropriate and reflects the Council's attitude and commitment towards the prevention of fraud, corruption and theft it is considered that no amendments are required this time.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that no revisions are made to the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Current Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy – available on the Council's website at

http://www.huntsdc.gov.uk/Councils+and+Democracy/Council/Performance/Whistleblowing.htm

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