

Bolsover District Council

Standards Committee

8 April 2014

Corruption in UK Local Government – The Mounting Risks

Report of the Monitoring Officer

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To provide for members' information and consideration a copy of a report issued by Transparency International UK about the growing risk of corruption in local government.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 Attached as an appendix is a report issued by Transparency International late last year into the growing potential for corruption in UK local government.
- 1.2 The report concludes that a range of measures introduced by the current Government such as removing the sanctions available to standards committees and abolishing the Audit Commission will lessen the ability to deal with corruption in an efficient and effective manner.
- 1.3 The report provides some helpful definitions of types of corruption together with case studies from around the UK. The report makes 22 recommendations intended to stem the possibility of corruption.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 To advise members of the attached document.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 None.

5 **Implications**

5.1 **Finance and Risk Implications**

The risks of corruption are set out in the report. The Council has a number of measures in place to mitigate these threats. These are documented in the Council's Anti-Theft, Fraud and Corruption Strategy.

5.2 **Legal Implications including Data Protection**

These are set out in the attached report.

5.3 **Human Resources Implications**

None.

6 **Recommendations**

6.1 That the attached report be noted.

7 **Decision Information**

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
District Wards Affected	None.
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	None.

8 **Document Information**

Appendix No	Title
	None.
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
None.	
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