

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meeting of the Executive on 27th July 2026

ANTI-FRAUD, BRIBERY, AND CORRUPTION POLICY

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Resources

Classification	This report is Public.
Contact Officer	Strategic Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer
Is this a Key Decision?	Yes ☐ No ☒

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

To seek approval from Executive for the Anti-Fraud, Bribery, and Corruption Policy attached at **Appendix 1**.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 The Council is opposed to all forms of fraud and corruption and wishes to promote a culture of openness and honesty consistent with the principles for conduct identified by the committee for Standards in Public Life and expects all those who work for and with the Council, to adopt the highest standards of propriety and accountability.
- 1.2 The Anti-Fraud, Bribery, and Corruption policy aims to help employees (including temporary and agency workers), Elected Members and Co-opted Members on the Council's committees, to understand their roles in the Council regarding fraud, bribery, and corruption. Employees must ensure they adhere to legal and contractual requirements and ensure that all procedures and practices remain above reproach.
- 1.3 The policy also aims to help partners, contractors, suppliers, voluntary organisations, and members of the public to understand how and when to contact the Council with their concerns.
- 1.4 The policy refers to the following legislation:
 - The Fraud Act 2006 – which refers to there being 3 ways fraud can be committed,
 - The Bribery Act 2010 - introduced to update and enhance UK Law on bribery, it introduced a new strict liability offence for companies and partnerships of failing to prevent bribery. This includes local authorities.

- The Criminal Finance Act 2017 – introduced 2 new criminal offences relating to tax evasion.
 - The Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023, which created the new offence of failing to prevent fraud. This also applies to local authorities.
- 1.5 The policy sets out appropriate and proportionate safeguards and reporting arrangements, designed to detect and avoid involvement in the crimes described in the above legislation.
- 1.6 The policy has been reviewed for new legislation and updated for changes to job titles since the approval in August 2022. The updated policy was presented to the Senior Leadership Team meeting on the 9th of April 2026, and the Audit Committee on the 16th of July 2026.

2. Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 The Anti-Fraud, Bribery, and Corruption Policy has been updated to take account of all legislative and operational changes to ensure it remains fit for purpose. Once approved, refresher training will be provided for Officers and Members.

3 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 3.1 No alternatives found – the Council is required to have a policy and this ensures we set the standard at a sufficiently high level to send a clear message that fraud, bribery, or corruption, will not be tolerated, that all reported or identified instances will be dealt with in a professional and timely manner, that we are committed to preventing and detecting fraud, bribery, or corruption, and that those perpetrating the aforementioned acts will be dealt with swiftly and firmly, and be prosecuted using all the sanctions available to the Council.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Executive approves the Anti-Fraud, Bribery, and Corruption Policy at **Appendix 1** to this report.

Approved by Councillor Clive Moesby, Portfolio Holder for Resources

IMPLICATIONS

A. Finance and Risk	Yes ☐ No ☒
Details: Financial issues are covered in the Policy which is attached at Appendix 1 to this report. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.	
On behalf of the Section Officer	

B. Legal (including Data Protection) Yes ☐ No ☒
Details: Legal implications are covered throughout the Policy but there are no new ones arising specifically from the report.
There are no data protection issues arising directly from this report.
On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

C. Staffing Yes ☐ No ☒
Details: There are no human resource implications arising directly from this report.
On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

D. Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Yes ☐ No ☐
<i>Please identify (if applicable) how you have considered LGR impact in relation to this item.</i>
Details: The new Council will be legally required to have its own Anti-Fraud, Bribery, and Construction policy, which will be produced in the shadow year.

E. Environment Yes ☐ No ☒
<i>Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.</i>
Details: Not applicable to this report.

F. Equality and Diversity Yes ☐ No ☒	
Have you considered equality impacts in relation to the topic of this report?	Yes ☐ No ☒
If this is a new or refresh of a policy, guidance or plan, have you carried out an EIA?	Yes ☐ No ☒

DECISION INFORMATION

G. Is the decision a Key Decision?	Yes ☐ No ☒
A Key Decision is an Executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more wards in the District, or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the below thresholds: -	

☒ If the decision is a key decision, please indicate which threshold applies:	
Revenue (a) Results in the Council making Revenue Savings of £75,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Revenue Expenditure of £75,000 or more.	(a) ☐ (b) ☐

Capital (a) Results in the Council making Capital Income of £150,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Capital Expenditure of £150,000 or more.	(a) ☐ (b) ☐
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District Wards Significantly Affected: <i>(to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the District)</i> Please state which wards are affected or tick All if all wards are affected.	All ☒ Wards:
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<i>All key decisions are subject to Scrutiny call-in unless the call-in period is to be waived, however, exemption from call-in is only with the agreement of the Monitoring Officer.</i> Is this Key Decision subject to Scrutiny Call-In? <i>(leave blank if not a key decision)</i> If No, has the Monitoring Officer agreed?	Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐
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Consultation carried out: <i>(this is any consultation carried out prior to the report being presented for approval)</i> Leader ☐ Deputy Leader ☐ Executive ☐ SLT ☒ Relevant Service Manager ☐ Members ☐ Public ☐ Other ☒ Details: Audit Committee.	Yes ☒ No ☐
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Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, Environment, Housing

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Anti-Fraud, Bribery, and Corruption Policy

Background Papers
<i>(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 Executive, you must provide copies of the background papers).</i>
None