

## SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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### UPDATE ON ANTI-FRAUD, CORRUPTION AND SECURITY HEALTHCHECK

#### Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to update Corporate Governance Committee on the implementation of recommendations from an Anti-Fraud, Corruption and Security healthcheck review carried out by the Council's internal auditors, RSM Bentley Jennison.

#### Background

2. As part of their internal audit programme, RSM Bentley Jennison carried out a "healthcheck" review of the Council's anti-fraud, corruption and security arrangements. The healthcheck report covered a wide variety of areas and contained 43 recommendations, some of which were interrelated. The report did not suggest that instances of fraud or corruption, or security breaches, had occurred in any of the areas covered by the recommendations. Due to the wide scope of the review and report, managers' comments in response to the recommendations were collated by the Finance Project Officer.
3. The healthcheck review was mentioned in RSM Bentley Jennison's quarterly report to Corporate Governance Committee on 15 December 2008. The Committee requested an update at its next meeting. This report provides that update.
4. The healthcheck report's recommendations are summarised in Appendix A, together with:
  - (a) managers' comments made in response to the report's recommendations;
  - (b) updates on management actions taken / being taken / to be taken in implementing the report's recommendations.

#### Implications

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Financial, Legal, Staffing, Equal Opportunities	There are no direct financial, legal, staffing or equal opportunities implications resulting from this report. Any potential financial, legal, staffing or equal opportunities implications likely to result from implementing any of the healthcheck report's recommendations will be reported to the relevant decision maker(s).
Risk Management	Relevant implementation of the healthcheck report's recommendations will mean that appropriate measures are taken to mitigate risks associated with fraud, corruption and security.

## Consultations

6. Various managers across the authority have been consulted about the healthcheck report's recommendations and appropriate actions to implement them.

## Effect on Strategic Aims

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<b>Commitment to being a listening council, providing first class services accessible to all.</b>
Ensuring that the authority has appropriate arrangements in place to safeguard against fraud and corruption and maintain security will protect the provision of services to the community and support the achievement of the Council's aims.
<b>Commitment to ensuring that South Cambridgeshire continues to be a safe and healthy place for all.</b>
<b>Commitment to making South Cambridgeshire a place in which residents can feel proud to live.</b>
<b>Commitment to assisting provision for local jobs for all.</b>
<b>Commitment to providing a voice for rural life.</b>

## Conclusions/Summary

8. The healthcheck report's recommendations have been considered and have been / are being / will be implemented as necessary and appropriate to the circumstances of the authority.

## Recommendations

9. The Committee is requested to note the actions being taken to implement the healthcheck report's recommendations.

**Background Papers:** the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

None unpublished

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