Cherwell District Council

Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee

21 January 2015

Money Laundering Avoidance Policy

Report of the Director of Resources

This report is public

Purpose of report

To endorse the Council's Money Laundering Avoidance Policy.

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended

1.1 To endorse the Money Laundering Avoidance Policy.

2.0 Introduction

2.1 This report is linked into the core functions of this committee and relates to the Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee's terms of reference to "monitor the effectiveness of risk management procedures, the internal control environment and counter fraud and corruption arrangements".

3.0 Report Details

3.1 The Money Laundering Avoidance Policy has been updated with input from the Director of Resources, the Monitoring Officer and the Head of Transformation. The detailed policy is attached in Appendix 1.

4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

4.1 To receive the Money Laundering Avoidance Policy.

5.0 Consultation

None

6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

6.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below.

Option 1: Not applicable as the Money Laundering Policy of part of the overall management of the Council's corporate risks.

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.

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Legal Implications

7.2 There is a legal requirement on the Council to notify the National Crime Agency of suspected money laundering via its designated Money Laundering Reporting Officer.

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Risk Management Implications

7.3 There are no risk implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.

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8.0 Decision Information

Wards Affected

All wards are affected

Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

All corporate plan themes.

Lead Councillor

None

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Money Laundering Avoidance Policy
Background Papers	
None	
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