

DUNBARTONSHIRE AND ARGYLL & BUTE VALUATION JOINT BOARD

Report by Assessor & Electoral Registration Officer

Valuation Joint Board – 21 November 2014

Subject: Defalcation Procedures – Strategy For The Prevention and Detection of Fraud & Corruption

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To seek members approval of a new 'Strategy for the Prevention and Detection of Fraud and Corruption' for implementation in the Valuation Joint Board.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 8th December 2006 the Valuation Joint Board approved a 'Strategy for the Prevention and Detection of Fraud and Corruption' for implementation within the Joint Board.
- 2.2 The Valuation Joint Board normally aligns its financial control systems and policies with those of West Dunbartonshire Council (the Council) and the above Strategy was aligned with the Council's.

3.0 Progress

- 3.1 The Bribery Act 2010 created a new offence which can be committed by commercial organisations which fail to prevent persons associated with them from bribing another person on their behalf. It is expected that these principles should also be applied to public sector organisations.
- 3.2 In June 2014 West Dunbartonshire Council updated its Strategy for the Prevention and Detection of Fraud and Corruption to take account of the above Act.
- 3.3 A revised Strategy for the Joint Board, which takes account of the above Act and is broadly aligned to the Council's, has been drafted and is attached for Members' consideration.
- 3.4 The Revised Strategy has been reviewed by the Council's Audit and Risk Manager.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 The Valuation Joint Board is asked to:

- (a) Approve the 'Strategy for the Prevention and Detection of Fraud and Corruption'.

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