

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CABINET – 2 OCTOBER 2018

Recommendation from the Standards Committee held on 3 September 2018:-

ANTI-BRIBERY POLICY

Members considered the report of the Corporate Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) on the Anti-Bribery Policy. The Council has already in place an Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Policy that sets out the procedures that ensure that they are not involved in fraud and corruption. The need for an independent stand-alone policy specifically dealing with bribery had been identified. The purpose of the report was to enable the Committee to comment on and approve a proposed Anti-Bribery Policy (attached as Appendix A to the report).

Members commented on the attached Anti-Bribery Policy and Procedures and asked the Officer to clarify some of the proposed amendments. One of the amendments was to remove the Gifts and Hospitality link and insert the hyperlink to Member Code of Conduct. Consideration was given to appropriate training that should be provided to Members and Officers in relation to gifts and hospitality. A question was raised in respect of the location of the Member's Gifts and Hospitality Register. Officers advised that the information regarding accessing the Member's Gifts and Hospitality Register would be circulated to Committee Members. It was agreed that the approved Policy would be shared with Parish Councils in the future. The Policy would also be available online.

RESOLVED

That the Standards Committee make changes as necessary and recommends approval of the new Policy to Cabinet.