AGENDA ITEM NO.11.1

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET THURSDAY 24TH JULY 2008

Recommendations from Audit Committee, 23rd June 2008

1. <u>Annual Report from the Financial Services Manager – 2007/2008</u>

A report was considered from the Financial Services Manager that provided an opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's internal control environment, arising from the completion of internal audit reviews.

The opinion was based on the work undertaken by the Internal Audit Section in accordance with the approved Annual Audit Plan for 2007/2008.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:

The report from the Financial Services Manager for 2007/2008 attached as appendix 1 of the report to the Audit Committee be approved.

2. <u>Updates of Anti Fraud and Corruption Policy Statement, updates</u> of Policy and Strategy on Fraud for Housing and Council Tax Benefit and Prosecution Policy – Update

The Audit Committee considered a report from the Head of Financial Services. Members noted that the current policies and strategies were approved in 2001 and had therefore been reviewed and updated to reflect new guidance.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:

The updated Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy Statement, the updated Policy on Fraud for Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit, the updated Strategy for dealing with Theft, Fraud and Corruption, the updated Strategy on Fraud for Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit, the updated Fraud Response Plan and the updated Prosecution Policy attached as Appendices 1 - 6 of the report to the Audit Committee be adopted.

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