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## BOARD MEETING

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Date of Meeting	21 December 2016
Paper Title	Board Policies
Agenda Item	16.146
Paper Number	16.146A - D
Responsible Officer	Gillian Murray, Clerk To The Board
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Action	For Noting

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### 1 REPORT PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with an update on the review of the Board Policies being carried out by the Committees, and to invite the Board to agree to the proposed changes.

### 2 RECOMMENDATION

The Board is invited to agree to the changes as outlined in the attached paper 16.146A.

### 3 BACKGROUND/OBJECTIVE/DISCUSSION/PROPOSAL

At the meeting of the Board in December 2015, the Board adopted revised Articles of Governance. As a consequence, clauses which had been in the previous constitution which gave delegated authority to Board Committees to ratify policies were removed. The new Articles require that Committees; therefore, may revise and amend policies but they must then be brought to the Board for approval.

At the meeting of the Board on 22 March 2016, the Board agreed that the policies should be reviewed at Committee level and proposed changes brought back to the Board for approval. The Committees have reviewed the policies and the proposed changes are outlined in the attached paper 16.146A. The policies are also appended with tracked changes (Paper 16.146B). Those policies remaining under the 'ownership' of the Board were discussed by the Board at its meeting on 22 June 2016 and changes were approved.

In addition to reviewing existing policies, the Audit Committee recommends the introduction of an Anti-Bribery, Fraud & Corruption Policy, a copy of which is also attached (Paper 16.146C).

The Finance & Resources Committee suggest the introduction of a new Procurement Policy which is also attached (Paper 16.146D).

It is recommended that the following statement in all of the policies should be revised:-

‘This Policy has been developed with due regard to all relevant legislation including the Equality Act 2010 which covers the following protected characteristics; age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, religion and belief, race, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment.’ And should now read ‘this Policy has been developed with due regard to all relevant legislation.’

The Board is invited to discuss the proposed changes and agree to the revised policies being adopted.

**4 RISK ANALYSIS / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS / REGIONAL OUTCOME AGREEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no specific risks/legal implications/financial implications/regional outcome agreement implications associated with this paper.

**5 HAS AN EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT BEEN CARRIED OUT**

N/A