

Correspondence Report For Information	7 December 2017
Audit Committee -13 December 2017	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with Government, agencies and potential strategic partners
Lead Officer	Director of Performance
Cost: (If applicable)	Nil

1. NORTHERN IRELAND AUDIT OFFICE – MANAGING THE RISK OF BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION: A GOOD PRACTICE GUIDE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND PUBLIC SECTOR

Mr Kieran Donnelly, Comptroller and Auditor General from the Northern Ireland Audit Office issued press release for publication after 14 November 2017 on Managing the Risk of Bribery and Corruption: A Good Practice Guide for the Northern Ireland Public Sector.

The Guide aims to help Northern Ireland public sector organisations and individual public officials identify how bribery and corruption may occur, highlight the key risk areas and provide advice on how the risks can be countered, both at an organisational and personal level.

Mr Donnelly said:

“While the risk of bribery and corruption in Northern Ireland may be considered low, it is still present and should not be under-estimated. Complacency carries its own dangers; raising awareness is key.

The nature of much of public sector business carries inherent risks. Functions such as procurement, planning, grant administration and regulatory functions are widely recognised as being open to the risk of bribery and corruption. This Guide provides advice on identifying and mitigating those risks.”

The guide will be widely publicised throughout the Northern Ireland public sector and can also be accessed via NIAO’s website.

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