

# COUNTER FRAUD & CORRUPTION UPDATE

Enter title of relevant Cabinet Member

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Agenda Item: 11

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Key Decision? NO

Local Ward  
Members



## AUDIT & MEMBER STANDARDS COMMITTEE

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 To provide members with an update on counter fraud work completed to date during the financial year 2018/19. .

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve the Counter Fraud and Corruption Policy Statement, Strategy & Guidance Notes.
- 2.2 To approve the Confidential Reporting (Whistleblowing) Policy.
- 2.3 To endorse the Fraud & Corruption Risk Register.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 In accordance with best practice, a review of the counter fraud related policies has been completed. No significant changes were required in this review and the changes are highlighted within the policies for information. The Counter Fraud & Corruption Policy Statement, Strategy & Guidance Notes now contains a counter fraud plan to detail the proactive counter fraud work to be completed during the financial year. The Counter Fraud and Corruption Policy Statement, Strategy & Guidance Notes is attached at **Appendix 1** and the Confidential Reporting (Whistleblowing) Policy is attached at **Appendix 2**. Both policies will be made available to staff and members on the intranet.
- 3.2 There have been no reports of suspected fraud received during the 2018/19 financial year.

Alternative Options	1. None.
Consultation	1. Consultation has been carried out with Leadership Team.
Financial Implications	1. Contribution to ensure that assets are not misused.
Contribution to the	1. The counter fraud and corruption framework supports and contributes to the

Delivery of the Strategic Plan	theme – A Council that is Fit for the Future as set out in the District Council’s Strategic Plan 2016 -20.
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Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Implications	1. There are no equality, diversity or human right implications.
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Crime & Safety Issues	1. The recommendations will impact positively on our duty to prevent crime and disorder within the District (Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act, 1988).
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GDPR/Privacy Impact Assessment	N/A
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	Risk Description	How We Manage It	Severity of Risk (RYG)
A	A positive counter fraud culture may not exist	Ensuring that policies and procedures are in place	Green (tolerable).
B	Fraud may not be prevented and go undetected	Ensuring that policies and procedures are made available	Green (tolerable)
C	Investigations could be carried out incorrectly so that sanctions and redress may not be applied	Staff are trained to carry out fraud investigations	Green (tolerable)

Background documents
None

Relevant web links
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