

SECOND MAJOR REVIEW - SOCIAL HOUSING FRAUD

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REASON FOR ITEM

To make comment and agree the draft scoping report for the review into Social Housing Fraud and to hear evidence from two Investigators from the Corporate Fraud Investigation Team.

OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

- 1. The Committee is asked to receive a presentation from two Investigators from the Corporate Fraud Investigation Team and make comment and approve the draft scoping report which is being presented.**

BACKGROUND

1. At the last meeting of the Committee held on 8 January 2015, the Committee was given a presentation by the Corporate Fraud Investigation Manager on the Committee's second review topic, Social Housing Fraud. The information presented is detailed in the Minutes which are included in the papers for this meeting
2. For Members information attached as Appendix A is a draft scoping report which Members are asked to make comment on and approve if appropriate.
3. For this meeting, two Investigators from the Corporate Fraud Investigation Team will provide the Committee with details of some of the work and investigations which are underway.
4. Examples of combating social housing fraud are publicised in Hillingdon People. These articles often describe the improved quality of life for Hillingdon residents who have been allocated the tenancy of a recovered property. This generates positive feedback from residents and encourages reporting of suspected social housing fraud. Attached to this report is one such article which also includes a short case study which perfectly highlights the positive impact of the work carried out by the Corporate Fraud Team.

PAPERS ATTACHED

Appendix A - Scoping report
Appendix B - Hillingdon People article.