

# **BUSINESS ASSURANCE - COUNTER FRAUD PROGRESS REPORT FOR 2017/18 QUARTER 4**

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## **REASON FOR ITEM**

The attached report presents the Audit Committee with summary information on all Counter Fraud work covered in relation to 2017/18 Quarter 4 and assurance in this respect. It also provides an opportunity for the Head of Business Assurance to highlight to the Audit Committee any significant Counter Fraud issues that have arisen which they need to be aware of.

Further, the report enables the Audit Committee to hold the Head of Business Assurance to account on delivery of the Quarter 4 Counter Fraud work and facilitates in holding management to account for managing issues identified during the course of the Business Assurance Counter Fraud Team (BACFT) activity.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Audit Committee notes the Counter Fraud Progress Report for 2017/18 Quarter 4.**

**That the Audit Committee ensures that the coverage, performance and results of BACFT activity in this quarter are considered and any additional Counter Fraud requirements are communicated to the Head of Business Assurance.**

## **INFORMATION**

The BACFT, formerly known as the Corporate Fraud Investigations Team, supports the Council in meeting its statutory responsibility under section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the prevention and detection of fraud and corruption. The work of the BACFT underpins the Council's commitment to a zero tolerance approach to fraud, bribery, corruption and other irregularities, including any money laundering activity.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

The Business Assurance service holds various background statistical management documents in relation to the Quarter 4 Progress Report.