

# AUDIT COMMITTEE - Counter Fraud Annual Operational Plan for 2023/24

<b>Committee name</b>	Audit Committee
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Counter Fraud Annual Operational Plan for 2023/24
<b>Ward</b>	All

## REASON FOR ITEM

The attached report presents the Audit Committee with the planned Counter Fraud approach and activity for the forthcoming financial year and seeks to:

- Provide assurance to all key stakeholders that the risk of fraud is being managed effectively;
- Demonstrate the Council's commitment to good governance through minimising the risk of fraud; and
- Set out the Counter Fraud Teams resources to meet its strategic objectives.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Audit Committee:

1. Notes the Counter Fraud Annual Operational Plan for 2023/24; and
2. Suggests any amendments/ comments.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Counter Fraud Team supports the Councils risk and governance arrangements by taking a zero-tolerance approach to fraud and corruption. In order to deliver this assurance, the Counter Fraud team produce an Annual Operation Plan detailing activity across high-risk areas of fraud. The plan is formulated based on the Counter fraud Strategy, Fraud Universe and takes into consideration, both, the IA Plan and strategy.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Counter Fraud Teams holds various background statistical management documents in relation to the production of the Counter Fraud Annual Operational Plan 2023/24.