

2025/26 QUARTER 1 COUNTER FRAUD PROGRESS REPORT

Committee name	Audit Committee
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Papers with report	2025/26 Quarter 1 Counter Fraud Progress Report
Ward	All

HEADLINES

The attached report presents the Audit Committee with summary information on all Counter Fraud work covered in relation to 2025/26 Quarter 1 and assurance in this respect. It also provides an opportunity for the Head of Counter Fraud 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 Counter Fraud to account on delivery of the Counter Fraud Plan and facilitates in holding management to account for managing issues identified during the course of the Counter Fraud Team activity.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Audit Committee:

1. Notes the Counter Fraud Progress Report for 2025/26 Quarter 1; and
2. Suggests any comments/amendments.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Counter Fraud 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 team underpins the Council's commitment to a zero tolerance approach to fraud, bribery, corruption, and other irregularities, including any money laundering activity.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Counter Fraud Team holds various background research documents in relation to the Counter Fraud Plan.