



## Regulatory and Other Committee

### Open Report on behalf of Pete Moore, Executive Director Resources & Community Safety

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| Report to: | <b>Audit Committee</b>                                   |
| Date:      | <b>27 January 2014</b>                                   |
| Subject:   | <b>Counter Fraud Progress Report to 31 December 2013</b> |

#### Summary:

This report provides an update on our fraud investigation activities and information on progress made against our counter Fraud Work Plan 2013/14.

#### Recommendation(s):

To note the outcomes of our counter fraud work and identify any actions it requires.

#### Background

This report provides an update on the progress made against the Counter Fraud Work Plan 2013/14, including our investigation activities. Details can be found in Appendix A, including:

- Key messages – proactive work and investigations
- Progress against plan
- Other matters of interest
- Counter Fraud Work Plan 2013/14

#### Conclusion

Delivery of the work plan for 2013/14 has slipped slightly in two areas: review of the counter fraud risk assessment and counter fraud awareness programme – both tasks have been carried forward into quarter 4 and will be delivered by the end of the financial year.

We have produced additional material for one of the ongoing Police cases and have completed three further cases since our last progress report in September 2013. We also have five ongoing cases of suspected fraud, one of which involved an attempted fraud valued at approximately £100k. It has been encouraging to note that many of the new cases were referred by managers, staff or our key partners. This illustrates the strength of the Council's counter fraud arrangements

and commitment and awareness of staff to take appropriate action where fraud is suspected.

Our work on NFI is now complete –the reported recovery figure for the Council remains the same at £15.6k – all recoveries relate to overpayments, no issues of a fraudulent nature were identified.

## **Consultation**

### **a) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

N/A

## **Appendices**

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| These are listed below and attached at the back of the report |                               |
| Appendix A  | Counter Fraud Progress Report |

## **Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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