



Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham, Deputy Chief Executive & Executive Director of Resources

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| Report to: | Audit Committee |
| Date: | 25 March 2024 |
| Subject: | Counter Fraud Plan for 2024/2025 |

Summary:

This report provides the Committee with information on the proposed counter fraud activities for 2024/2025 for discussion and approval.

Recommendation(s):

1. To review and approve the Counter Fraud Work Plan for 2024-2025.

Background

The Counter Fraud Plan for 2024/25 is designed to deliver a robust response to fraud committed against local authorities in Lincolnshire. The draft work plan (Appendix A) is aligned to meet the needs of the council and aligned with guidance from the Public Sector Fraud Agency.

Conclusion

The Audit Committee plays a key role in assuring the effectiveness of counter fraud arrangements. In considering the proposed counter fraud work plan the Committee should be able to:

- Gain assurance that the Council has effective arrangements in place to detect, deter and prevent fraud locally, and
- Confirm that counter fraud resources are appropriately targeted at the Council's key fraud risk areas.

Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

Appendices

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| These are listed below and attached at the back of the report: | |
| Appendix A | Counter Fraud Work Plan for 2024/2025 |

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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