



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

Report to:	Audit Committee
Date:	25 March 2024
Subject:	Counter Fraud Annual Report (including fraud risk report)

Summary:

This report provides the Committee with an overview of the counter fraud work delivered during 2023/2024 and how the resources have been utilised.

Recommendation(s):

1. To note the counter fraud work and the associated resources have been delivered.
2. To discuss and note the annual fraud risk report.

1. Background

The counter fraud strategy was agreed in July 2023 and designed to discharge the obligations of the council in preventing, detecting and deterring fraud. This report also includes the 2023/24 fraud risk assessment.

2. Conclusion

The Audit Committee plays a key role in monitoring the effectiveness of counter fraud arrangements. In considering the work undertaken, including the fraud risk assessment, it is important the committee is assured that the resources have been deployed adequately, the service is adequately resourced and the work of the counter fraud team is deemed sufficient to meet public sector obligations.

3. Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report:	
Appendix A	Counter Fraud Annual Report for 2023/2024
Appendix B	Counter Fraud Risk Report 2023/24 (EXEMPT) <i>This appendix is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.</i>

5. 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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