



Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham, Executive Director - Resources

Report to:	Audit Committee
Date:	19 March 2021
Subject:	Counter Fraud Plan 2021/22

Summary:

This report provides the Committee with information on Counter Fraud and Anti-Corruption activities currently scheduled in the 2021/22 work plan.

Recommendation(s):

To review and approve the Counter Fraud Plan 2021/22.

Background

The Counter Fraud Plan for 2021/22 is designed to deliver a tough response to fraud committed against local authorities in Lincolnshire. The draft work plan, in Appendix A, is aligned to best practice guidance and addresses priorities highlighted in the Councils fraud risk assessments. Resource and contingency has been made available to respond to emerging fraud risks that result from Covid-19.

Conclusion

The Audit Committee plays a key role in monitoring 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 fight fraud and corruption locally
- Confirm that counter fraud resources are targeted to the Council's key fraud risks.

Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Counter Fraud 2021/22 Work Plan

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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