
FRAUD ACTIVITY REPORT

Committee: Corporate Governance & Finance Committee

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1.0 **ISSUE**

1.1 To inform the Finance & Governance Committee on the work of both Internal Audit and the Anglia Revenues Partnership (ARP) in relation to counter fraud activity.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 That the Committee note the results of counter fraud activity undertaken by both Internal Audit and ARP.

3.0 **BACKGROUND/OPTIONS**

3.1 The report provides a summary of the counter fraud work undertaken by both Internal Audit and ARP over the last year. The report is split into the following areas:-

- Fraud Risk Assessment
- Housing Benefit & Council Tax Discount fraud,
- The National Fraud Initiative; and,
- Work relating to the Cambridgeshire Anti-Fraud Hub
- The Local Government Transparency Code
- Emerging issues

4.0 **ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS**

4.1 The report particularly highlights the successes in terms of both Housing Benefit and Council Tax Discount fraud and the continuing work on developing the Cambridgeshire Fraud Hub, which demonstrates commitment to responding to the requirements of the Local Government Fraud Strategy.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

5.1 There are no additional financial implications arising from this report. However, there are ongoing savings arising for example from participating in the National Fraud Initiative and collaborative work across local authorities.

5.2 Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) not required.

6.0 APPENDICES

6.1 Appendix 1 – Fraud Activity Report

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