

Report sponsor: Strategic Director of Corporate Resources
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Counter Fraud Annual Report 2021/22

Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the work carried out during the past financial year to minimise the risk of fraud, bribery and corruption occurring in Derby City Council and to Derby residents and other stakeholders. This supports the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, which state that the Council must have measures in place “to enable the prevention and detection of inaccuracies and fraud.”

Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the report.

Reasons

- 3.1 One of the key roles of the Audit and Governance Committee is to seek assurance that fraud risks are being properly mitigated.

Supporting information

- 4.1 Fraud is a significant risk to the public sector. Financial loss due to fraud can reduce a council's ability to support public services and can cause reputational damage.
- 4.2 The Annual Report attached at Appendix 1 outlines the counter fraud work undertaken around the key elements of the Council's current counter fraud framework.
- 4.3 The Head of Internal Audit has a counter fraud contingency set aside in the internal audit plan for 2022/23 and intends to use some of the time to continue to review the fraud risk to the Council's activities and the adequacy of the Council's Counter Fraud framework. The Head of Legal Services and the Head of Revenues, Benefits and Exchequer Services will be consulted on the aspects of their work that supports this framework.

Public/stakeholder engagement

5.1 None

Other options

6.1 None

Financial and value for money issues

7.1 None

Legal implications

8.1 None

Climate implications

9.1 None

Other significant implications

10.1 None

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal Finance Service Director(s) Report sponsor Other(s)	Simon Riley, Strategic Director – Corporate Resources	15 th July 2022
Background papers: List of appendices:	Counter Fraud Update Reports to Committee Counter Fraud Annual Report 2021/22	