



Audit Committee	Tuesday, 09 July 2024	Matter for Information
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Report Title: **Anti-Fraud & Corruption Report (2023-2024)**

Report Author(s): **Sal Khan (Interim Strategic Director)**

Purpose of Report:	To provide Audit Committee with an update of the Council's anti-fraud arrangements and future plans.
Report Summary:	The report provides Audit Committee the results of the self-assessments of the Council's anti-fraud and corruption framework and arrangements against recommended good practice. It also provides a dedicated Fraud Risk Register and planned anti-fraud activity for 2024/25.
Recommendation(s):	That the content of the report and appendix 1 be noted.
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Strategic Objectives:	Our Council (SO1)
Vision and Values:	"Our Borough - The Place To Be" (Vision) Resourceful & Resilient (V4)
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Financial:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Decreasing Financial Resources / Increasing Financial Pressures (CR1) Increased Fraud (CR10) Reputation Damage (CR4) Regulatory Governance (CR6) Cyber Threat / Security (CR11)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications directly arising from this report. EA not applicable
Human Rights:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	As the author, the report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.

Consultees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Leadership Team • Individual Heads of Service • Finance Manager (Deputy S151)
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	1. Anti-Fraud & Corruption Report (2023-2024)

1. Background and Analysis

- 1.1 This report details the results of the self-assessments of the Council’s anti-fraud and corruption framework and arrangements against recommended good practice detailed in:
- Local Government Counter Fraud and Corruption Strategy for the 2020s – “Fighting Fraud and Corruption Locally”
 - Chartered Institute of Finance and Accountancy’s (CIPFA) Code of Practice “Managing the Risk of Fraud and Corruption”
- 1.2 The Council’s Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy was updated and approved by PFDC in June 2023. The Policy aligned with the Fighting Fraud and Corruption Locally Guidance 2020 (FFCL 2020) which includes a checklist against which the Council’s anti-fraud arrangements have been assessed. These are detailed in Table 1 within **Appendix 1**.
- 1.3 There is one improvement recommendation identified which is to ensure that sign-up to the whistleblowing policy is included to contractors and third parties, which will be included within our procurement documentation, and in doing so we will increase awareness on our website.
- 1.4 The CIPFA’s Code of Practice is designed to help organisations recognise and address their fraud risks and consists of the following five basic principles:
- Acknowledge the responsibility of the governing body for countering fraud and corruption
 - Identify the fraud and corruption risks
 - Develop an appropriate counter fraud and corruption strategy
 - Provide resources to implement the strategy
 - Take action in response to fraud and corruption
- 1.5 The self-assessment against the Code’s requirements is detailed in Table 2 within **Appendix 1**. There are no actions for improvement identified
- 1.6 As part of the assessment a dedicated Fraud and Corruption Risk Register has also been prepared. This will be reviewed regularly and reported on annually in detail. This is provided at Table 3 within **Appendix 1**. This also includes any planned activities for 2024/25.
- 1.7 Table 4 within **Appendix 1** provides the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Activity Plan for 2024/25 which also includes the internal checking to be undertaken within key service areas identified within the Fraud and Corruption Risk Register.