



Report of: **Head of Internal Audit**

Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward(s)
Audit Committee	17 th March 2016		

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SUBJECT: Internal Audit Fraud Investigation Report: Anti- Fraud Strategy

1. Synopsis

- 1.1. The provision of an Anti-Fraud Strategy that focuses on the prevention and detection of fraud protects the Council's valuable resources by ensuring that the Council continues to be vigilant in preventing losses through fraud.
- 1.2. This report presents the revised Anti-Fraud Strategy that was summarised at Audit Committee on the 28th January 2016. An Anti-Fraud Strategy and implementation plan was designed and formally agreed through CMB in June 2015 and the Trade Unions at the Joint Secretaries meeting in July 2015. Some minor amendments were made by the Fraud Forum in November 2015.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To note and approve the content of the Anti-Fraud Strategy at Appendix 1.
- 2.2. The Audit Chair to give consideration to signing the foreword.

3. Background

3.1. The provision of an Anti-Fraud Strategy assists the Council in ensuring that fraud risk is reduced and so supports the delivery of the Council's services.

4. Implications

4.1. Financial implications

None

4.2. Legal Implications

None

4.3. Resident Impact Assessments

There are no direct Resident Impact Assessment implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

5.1. The Anti-Fraud Strategy presents a clear commitment by the Council in preventing and detecting fraud.

Final Report Clearance

Signed by



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