

This is the Corporate Counter Fraud Awareness and Action Plan (appended to the current NNDC Counter fraud policy)

Appendix 3 - Corporate Counter Fraud Awareness Action Plan

Aim

To measure exposure to fraud risk and address fraud risks identified.

To complete a fraud and corruption risk assessment

To undertake validation / verification checks on areas at risk of fraud.

Actions

There is a Corporate Risk Register and relevant fraud risks are recorded therein.

There is also national data available through the National Fraud Initiative that is analysed periodically, data from the Housing Benefit Matching Service, information from National Anti Fraud Network and information sharing with External Audit.

To undertake an assessment of the fraud and corruption risks faced by the Council and put in place actions to mitigate them. Once complete, the assessment will be used to update Service Plans and determine whether any strategic risks should be added to the Corporate Risk Register. The Governance, Risk and Audit Committee and the relevant Portfolio Holder to be briefed on the risks identified along with an annual update in respect of the Council's counter fraud activity.

These are identified as part of the annual audit planning process and during each audit. These will be tested to gain assurance that fraud risks are appropriately mitigated.

Outcome

A record of potential fraud risks and a record of these are mitigated and monitored.

Better corporate understanding of the fraud and corruption risks facing the Council and increased confidence that appropriate actions to mitigate risks are being taken as well as any follow up actions.

A Council that is pro-active in mitigating the risk of fraud.