
Meeting	Audit Committee
Date	24 October 2013
Subject	Corporate Anti-Fraud Team Interim Report 2013
Report of	Operational Assurance Assistant Director
Summary	The Committee is asked to consider and note the CAFT Interim report 2013

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards Affected	None
Key Decision	No
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	Not applicable
Function of	Council
Enclosures	Appendix A: CAFT Interim Report 2013
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to consider and note the CAFT Interim report 2013.**

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 Audit Committee 8 April 2013 – (Decision item 9) – the Audit Committee included in the work programme for 2013/4 that an interim report on the Corporate Anti- Fraud Team be brought to a meeting of the committee.
- 2.2 Audit Committee 8 April 2013 – (Decision item 7) – the Audit Committee endorsed the Internal Audit and Anti-Fraud Strategy & Annual Plan and Risk Management Approach for 2013-14

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 All CAFT activity is aligned with the Council's objectives set out in the Corporate Plan 2013-2016.
- 3.2 The Council has a responsibility to protect the public purse through proper administration and control of the public funds and assets to which it has been entrusted. The work of the Corporate Anti-Fraud Team supports this by continuing to provide an efficient value for money anti-fraud activity, that is able to investigate all referrals that are passed to us to an appropriate outcome, whilst continuing to offer support, advice and assistance on all matters of fraud risks including prevention, fraud detection, money laundering, other criminal activity, and deterrent measures, policies and procedures, whilst delivering a cohesive approach that reflects best practice and supports all the new corporate priorities and principles.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 The on-going work of the CAFT supports the Council Risk Management strategy and processes. Where appropriate, outcomes from our investigations are reported to both Internal Audit and Risk Management to support their on-going work and to assist in either confirming effective anti-fraud controls and or suggested areas for improvement.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 5.1 An effective system of anti-fraud, audit, internal control and corporate governance provides assurance on the effective allocation of resources and quality of service provision for the benefit of the entire community.

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 6.1 The structure and budget that CAFT operates within has proven successful and provides sufficient resource and commitment that is required to carry out

an effective anti-fraud service and deliver the key objectives as set out within the strategy.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

7.1 None in the context of this report.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS (Relevant section from the Constitution, Key/Non-Key Decision)

8.1 The Constitution, Part 3, Paragraph 2, details the functions of the Audit Committee including, "To monitor Council policies on Raising Concerns at Work" and the anti-fraud and anti-corruption strategy.

9 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

9.1 Attached to this report at Appendix A is CAFT Interim report 2013.

9.2 The report summarises progress and current status against each of the CAFT key performance indicators and proactive anti-fraud exercises as identified in the Internal Audit and Anti-Fraud Strategy & Annual Plan and Risk Management Approach for 2013-14.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.

Cleared by Finance (Officer's initials)	N/A
Cleared by Legal (Officer's initials)	N/A