
Meeting	Audit Committee
Date	21 June 2012
Subject	Annual Report of the Corporate Anti Fraud Team 2011-12.
Report of	Head of Corporate Anti Fraud Team (CAFT) Director of Corporate Governance
Summary	The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the CAFT Annual Report 2011-12.
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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards affected	None
Enclosures	Appendix A: CAFT Annual Report
For decision by	Audit Committee
Function of	Council
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in (if appropriate)	Not Applicable

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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Audit Committee consider and comment on the CAFT Annual Report 2011-12.**

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 Delegated Powers Report (ref: BT/2004-05 -2 March 2004) - The Corporate Anti Fraud Team (CAFT) was launched on 7th May 2004
- 2.2 Audit Committee 26/4/12 (Decision item 15) – the Audit Committee included in the work programme for 2012/13, that an Annual Report on the work of the Corporate Anti- Fraud Team be produced to this meeting.
- 2.3 Audit Committee 26th April 2012 (Decision item 7) – the Audit Committee approved the CAFT Strategy and Joint CAFT, Internal Audit and Risk Management plan for 2012/13.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2012-13 sets out three corporate priorities; Better Services with less money, A successful London Suburb and Sharing opportunities and Sharing responsibilities.
- 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 ongoing 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 ongoing work and to assist in either confirming effective anti fraud controls and or suggested areas for improvement.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 5.1 CAFT have always strived to ensure that it has takes due regard due regard of its public sector equality duty as set out in the Equality Act 2010. The council has developed a series of corporate equality questions which have been set out in the Corporate Plan to better understand the impact of processes on Barnet's protected communities. Equalities issues are

considered on every CAFT investigation. Moving into 2012-13 we have now begun to produce a portfolio of documents to enable us to evidence this.

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

- 6.1 In April 2011, the CAFT underwent a successful process of restructuring the team, this restructure was necessary for the team to continue to meet the changing needs of the service whilst still achieving an excellent service that is robust, professional, value for money and fit for purpose.
- 6.2 The structure and budget that CAFT now operate 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 the CAFT Annual Report 2011-12.
- 9.2 The purpose of this annual report is to the committee a summary on the outcome of preventative, proactive and reactive work undertaken during 2011/12. It further details the outcomes of the CAFT partnership work, with Department of Work and Pension, UK Border Agency and Barnet Homes.
- 9.3 In addition to the CAFT annual report, we also produce an interim report to the Audit Committee, and quarterly Assurance Reports to the Councils Senior Management, April 2012/13 saw CAFT produced an anti fraud strategy which details the Councils overall approach and response to fraud risk.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 None.

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