

# ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## REPORT TO AND DECISION OF AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ON 28 JULY 2022

**SUBJECT:** Counter-Fraud Report 2021/22

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**DATE:** July 2022

**EXTN:** 37561

**PORTFOLIO AREA:** Corporate Support

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Audit & Governance Committee is the designated body for oversight of the Council's anti-fraud culture.

As part of its agreed workplan, an annual report on counter-fraud activity is presented to update the Committee.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Committee is requested to receive the annual Counter-Fraud Report.

There are no recommendations to the Audit & Governance Committee. This is an information report only

### **1. BACKGROUND:**

#### **1.1 INTRODUCTION**

Attached is the report updating the Committee on Counter-Fraud 2021/22, including a number of appendices of supporting information.

The Council has previously considered its position in respect of the published 'Fighting Fraud and Corruption Locally 2020' – the updated counter fraud and corruption strategy for local government.

### **2. PROPOSAL(S):**

There are no recommendations to the Audit & Governance Committee. This is an information report only

### **3. OPTIONS:**

N/A

### **4. CONSULTATION:**

In preparing the report, the Housing and Revenues & Benefits areas were consulted on the relevant activities performed.		
Has consultation been undertaken with:	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Relevant Town/Parish Council		✓
Relevant District Ward Councillors		✓
Other groups/persons (please specify)		✓
<b>5. ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES: (Explain in more detail at 6 below)</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Financial		✓
Legal		✓
Human Rights/Equality Impact Assessment		✓
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act		✓
Sustainability		✓
Asset Management/Property/Land		✓
Technology		✓
Other (please explain)		✓
<b>6. IMPLICATIONS:</b>		

**7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:**  
 For the Audit & Governance Committee to receive Counter Fraud Report 2021/22 and be aware of the counter-fraud work carried out by the Council

**8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:**  
 N/A