

AGENDA ITEM NO.

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**REPORT TO AND DECISION OF AUDIT & GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE
ON 30 JULY 2019**

PART A : REPORT

SUBJECT: Counter-Fraud Report 2018/19

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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 for consideration by the Committee

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Members of the Audit & Governance Committee are requested to note the report and to endorse the counter-fraud work performed by the Council in 2018/19

1. BACKGROUND:

1.1 INTRODUCTION

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

Counter-Fraud activity within the Council was subject to substantial review in 2011 and was updated to reflect the publication by the National Fraud Authority (NFA) of its "Fighting Fraud Locally – The Local Government Fraud Strategy" document in March 2012.

Attached is the report updating the Committee on Counter-Fraud 2018/19, including a number of appendices of supporting information.

1.2 POINTS TO NOTE

CIPFA published a revised Code of Practice on managing the risk of fraud and corruption (late 2014) and work to assess the Council's position against this

document was undertaken in 2017 and reported to the Committee at its December 2017 meeting. As part of this work consideration was also given to the new Fighting Fraud & Corruption Locally strategy (published in 2016) and the UK Anti-Corruption Plan.		
2. PROPOSAL(S): It is proposed that the Counter Fraud Report 2017/18 be noted and the counter-fraud work performed by the Council in 2017/18 be endorsed.		
3. OPTIONS: To note the Counter Fraud Report 2018/19 and endorse the counter-fraud work performed by the Council in 2018/19, or not		
4. CONSULTATION: In preparing the report, the Housing and Revenues & Benefits areas were consulted on the relevant activities performed.		
Has consultation been undertaken with:	YES	NO
Relevant Town/Parish Council		✓
Relevant District Ward Councillors		✓
Other groups/persons (please specify)		✓
5. ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES: (Explain in more detail at 6 below)	YES	NO
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)		✓
6. IMPLICATIONS:		

7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:
The Committee notes the Counter Fraud Report 2018/19 and endorses the counter-fraud work carried out by the Council in 2018/19

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

N/A