

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO AND DECISION OF AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ON 30 JULY 2020

PART A : REPORT

SUBJECT: Counter-Fraud Report 2019/20

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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 the counter-fraud work performed by the Council in 2019/20

1. BACKGROUND:

1.1 INTRODUCTION

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

Attached is the report updating the Committee on Counter-Fraud 2019/20, 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 2016 Fighting Fraud & Corruption Locally strategy (an updated version has been published in 2020) and the UK Anti-Corruption Plan.

2. PROPOSAL(S):

It is proposed that the Committee notes the Counter Fraud Report 2019/20 and the counter-fraud work performed by the Council in 2019/20

3. OPTIONS:		
To note the Counter Fraud Report 2019/20 and the counter-fraud work performed by the Council in 2019/20, 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 2019/20 and the counter-fraud work carried out by the Council in 2019/20

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:
N/A