Audit Committee 27 September 2022 DF/22/88

## **Counter Fraud Update**

## **Report of the Director of Finance and Public Value**

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to confirmation by the Committee before taking effect.

Recommendation: that the Committee: -

i. Consider the ongoing work in Fraud Prevention and Detection in DCC.

The attached report sets out the Counter Fraud work being undertaken on behalf of and by Devon County Council and supports the Councils ongoing commitment as outlined in its Anti-Fraud Bribery and Corruption Policy / Strategy and Response Plan, as adopted last year.

The report is aimed at informing members of the progress made in the ongoing fight against fraud and outline future planned and continuing work to protect the public purse and retain public confidence that the Council recognises the harm that fraud can cause in the community and that it is protecting itself and its residents from fraud.

Strategic Plan: There are no Strategic Plan issues associated with this report.

**Financial Considerations:** There are no direct Financial Considerations issues associated with this report, however the presence of fraud has a negative impact on financial capacity.

**Legal Consideration:** There are no specific Legal Considerations or issues associated with this report.

**Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change):** There are no specific Environmental Impact Considerations or issues associated with this report.

**Equality Considerations:** There are no specific Equality Considerations associated with this report

**Risk Management Considerations:** This report supports the Councils Risk Management process and is integral to an overall integrated assurance approach.

**Public Health Impact:** There is no specific impact on Public Health in connection with this report.

**Summary/Conclusions/Reasons for Recommendations:** Reasons for noting the report, include showing compliance with Anti-Fraud Bribery and Corruption Policy, and recognised best practice in line with good Governance

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