Counter Fraud End of Year Report and Update 2022/23

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.

1) Recommendation

That the Committee be asked to note the work undertaken in 2022/23 and its impact on Fraud Prevention and Detection in DCC.

2) Introduction

The attached report sets out the Counter Fraud work being undertaken on behalf of and by Devon County Council 2022/23 and supports the Council's ongoing commitment as outlined in its Anti-Fraud Bribery and Corruption Policy / Strategy and Response Plan.

The report is aimed at informing members of the progress made in the ongoing fight against fraud and outlines 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.

3) Strategic Plan

There are no Strategic Plan issues associated with this report.

4) Financial Considerations

There are no direct Financial Considerations issues associated with this report.

5) Legal Consideration

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

6) Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change)

There are no specific Environmental Impact Considerations or issues associated with this report.

7) Equality Considerations

There are no specific Equality Considerations associated with this report

8) Risk Management Considerations

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

9) **Public Health Impact**

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

10) 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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