

DFP/24/23  
DCC Audit Committee  
28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## **Report of the Director of Finance**

### **Counter Fraud Update February 2024**

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Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

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#### **1) Recommendation**

That the Committee: Note the update in connection with 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 for the first six months of the financial year 23/24 and supports the Councils ongoing commitment as outlined in its Anti-Fraud Bribery and Corruption Policy / Strategy and Response Plan.

#### **2) Background / Introduction**

The report is aimed at informing members of ongoing activity in the fight against fraud, 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) Main Body / Proposal**

The attached report sets out the Counter Fraud work being undertaken on behalf of and by Devon County Council for the first six months of the financial year 23/24 and supports the Councils ongoing commitment as outlined in its Anti-Fraud Bribery and Corruption Policy / Strategy and Response Plan.

#### **4) Options / Alternatives**

Not Applicable

#### **5) Consultations / Representations / Technical Data**

This report has been agreed with DCC SLT.

#### **6) Strategic Plan:**

There are no strategic plan issues associated with this report.

## **7) Financial Considerations:**

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

## **8) Legal Consideration:**

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

## **9) Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change):**

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

## **10) Equality Considerations:**

There are no specific Equality considerations associated with this report

## **11) Risk Management Considerations:**

There are no specific Risk Management considerations associated with this report

## **12) Public Health Impact:**

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

## **13) Summary/Conclusions/Reasons for Recommendations:**

Reasons for reviewing the report and information within it are linked to the Committees Terms of Reference and those relevant to this meeting.

- i. Note the update in connection with Fraud Prevention and Detection in DCC.

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**Electoral Divisions:** All

## **Local Government Act 1972: List of background papers**

Nil

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