



INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE – 29 OCTOBER 2020

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FRAUD AND CORRUPTION INVESTIGATIONS

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present to members of the Audit Committee the number of fraud and investigations that have commenced and been finalised for the period 23rd June 2020 to 30th September 2020.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 CIPFA guidance requires the Audit Committee to 'monitor the effectiveness of the control environment, including arrangements for ensuring value for money, supporting standards and ethics and for managing the authority's exposure to the risks of fraud and corruption.'
- 1.2 The term of reference of the audit committee give specific responsibility to review the arrangements for the assessment of fraud risk and potential harm arising from fraud and corruption and to monitor the effectiveness of the counter-fraud strategy.

2. FRAUD AND CORRUPTION INVESTIGATIONS

- 2.1 A summary of investigations for the period from the 23rd June 2020 to 30th September 2020 are attached in Appendix A.
- 2.2 We have sought to develop the reporting for this area. Table one shows new cases reported to Professional Standards and Counter Corruption Unit that are currently being investigated. Table two shows the number of cases, which have been concluded in the period.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to note the report.

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