

## COUNTER FRAUD & COMPLIANCE TEAM REPORT 2022/23

Audit Committee - 4 July 2023

**Report of:** Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer Customer and Resources

**Status:** For Consideration

**Key Decision:** No

**This report supports the Key Aim of Effective Delivery of Council Plan**

**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr. Maskell

**Contact Officer(s):** Glen Moore, Ext. 7471

**Recommendation to Audit Committee:**

That Members note the work of the Counter Fraud & Compliance Team carried out during the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Audit Committee is required to review the work of the Counter Fraud & Compliance Team

### Introduction and Background

- 1 The Counter Fraud & Compliance Team is the authority's counter fraud resource in relation to external fraud matters.
- 2 Sevenoaks District Council will not tolerate fraud and corruption in the administration of its responsibilities and is committed to providing the best value for money
- 3 The Counter Fraud & Compliance Team co-ordinates the Council's participation in government led counter fraud initiatives as well as devising pro-active exercises designed to protect Council revenues and resources.

### Summary of Key Issues in the Report

- 4 A summary of the key activities of the Counter Fraud & Compliance Team during 2022/23.
- 5 A summary of future plans for 2023/24

## **Key Implications**

### Financial

Not applicable.

### Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

The Council is required to have effective counter fraud arrangements in place in order to safeguard public funds and prevent the pursuance of crime. The Counter Fraud & Compliance Team will contribute towards the council's fraud prevention initiatives.

### Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users

### Net Zero Implications

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the council's ambition to be Net Zero by 2030. There is no perceived impact regarding either an increase or decrease in carbon emissions in the district, or supporting the resilience of the natural environment.

## **Conclusions**

This report sets out the work conducted by the Counter Fraud & Compliance Team during 2022/23. Members are requested to note the report and the plans for the future.

### **Appendices**

Appendix A - Counter Fraud & Compliance Team End of Year Report 2022/23

### **Background Papers**

None

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