

SUBJECT: FRAUD AND ERROR ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

DIRECTORATE: CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND TOWN CLERK

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To receive a copy of the Fraud and Error annual report.

2. Background

- 2.1 Audit Committee receive a half-year and year end fraud and error report which is attached at Appendix A. This is linked to its terms of reference and contributes to the overall governance arrangements of the authority and the annual governance statement.

3. 2019/20 Fraud and Error Report

- 3.1 The report covers key messages, investigations, proactive work, fraud partnerships, referrals and action plan.

4 Impact of Covid-19

- 4.1 There has been some impact in terms of delaying some pro-active work for 2020/21 and this is outlined in the report. There is some additional information on 2020/21 within the report, where relevant, due to the delay in reporting

5. Strategic Priorities

5.1 High Performing Services

The internal audit service and plan contributes to the Council's strategic priorities, by helping to manage risk and achieve its objectives.

6. Organisational Impacts

6.1 Finance (including whole life costs where applicable)

There are no direct implications.

6.2 Legal Implications including Procurement Rules

There are no direct implications.

7. Recommendation

7.1 Audit Committee is asked to consider and comment on the annual report.

Is this a key decision? No

Do the exempt information categories apply? No

Does Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (call-in and urgency) apply? No

How many appendices does the report contain? One

List of Background Papers: None

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