

SUBJECT:	NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE POLICY
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) policy.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council's NFI policy is part of range of counter fraud policies and is reviewed every two years prior to the commencement of the bi-annual exercise.
- 2.2 The NFI is an exercise carried out every two years by the Cabinet Office. It matches electronic data within and between public and private sector bodies to prevent and detect fraud. It is an exercise which the Council is required to participate in.
- 2.3 The Council provides a number of sets of data through the NFI portal in October and November and receives the results reports from the Cabinet Office in the following January.
- 2.4 The exercise involves input from a number of services within the Council with Internal Audit carrying out the administrative and support role.

3. Policy and Guidance

- 3.1 The Council's current NFI policy has been updated to include paragraph numbering and some rewording and reformatting. The paragraph on Process has been expanded to include more detail and another paragraph on Responsibilities has been added.
- 3.2 A copy of the policy is attached at Appendix A with the changes marked.

4. Organisational Impacts

4.1 Finance (including whole life costs where applicable)

There are no direct financial implications arising as a result of this report.

4.2 Legal Implications including Procurement Rules

There are no direct legal implications arising as a result of this report.

4.3 Equality, Diversity and Human Rights

The Public Sector Equality Duty means that the Council must consider all individuals when carrying out their day-to-day work, in shaping policy, delivering services and in relation to their own employees.

It requires that public bodies have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination
- Advance equality of opportunity
- Foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities

Due to the nature of this report there are no direct equality, diversity or human rights implications.

5. Recommendation

5.1 Audit Committee are asked to approve the updated policy.

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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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