

## ACTION PLAN 2012/13

An action plan to improve further the Authority's arrangements for countering fraud and corruption is set out below

ACTIONS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMESCALE
<b>OBJECTIVE: Apply checklist from 2011 Audit Commission report "Protecting the public purse"</b>		
Establish WDC compliance with National Fraud Authority strategy report "Fighting Fraud Locally" in order to identify any gaps and to consider if further counter fraud measures need to be introduced.	Audit and Risk Manager	October 2012
<b>OBJECTIVE: Apply CIPFA Risk Management Counter Fraud checklist</b>		
Establish the council's overall counter fraud arrangements by applying the CIPFA checklist and take appropriate action if any weaknesses can be addressed.	Audit and Risk Manager	September 2012
<b>OBJECTIVE: Promote fraud awareness within the Council</b>		
Issue fraud awareness reminders for members, managers and staff.	Audit and Risk Manager	December 2012
Review and republicise the council's Whistleblowing policy and procedure.	Audit and Risk Manager	November 2012
Evaluate the effectiveness and worth of the In Touch confidential reporting service.	Audit and Risk Manager	August 2012
Consider the benefits to the council of raising fraud awareness with contractors with a view to producing appropriate guidance.	Audit and Risk Manager	December 2012
<b>OBJECTIVE: Improve publicity of successful fraud cases and the contribution of the National Fraud Initiative</b>		
Make arrangements to publicise details of successful prosecutions in fraud cases in all available and appropriate media sources in order to act as a deterrent. The contribution of NFI matches, if any, should also be recognised.	Audit and Risk Manager	December 2012

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<b>OBJECTIVE: Effectively manage the council's role under the National Fraud Initiative (NFI)</b>		
Undertake self-assessment against revised checklist accompanying NFI National Report and Members' Briefing 2012 and report to Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee.	Audit and Risk Manager	July 2012
Implement measures arising from above self-assessment.	Audit and Risk Manager	July 2013
<b>OBJECTIVE: Ensure Internal Audit staff remain aware of best practice and new developments</b>		
Arrange for attendance of Internal Audit staff at appropriate training events and professional networking groups.	Audit and Risk Manager	Ongoing
<b>OBJECTIVE: Review Strategy and Action Plan</b>		
Review the currency of the Anti Fraud and Corruption Strategy annually and report to Members.	Audit and Risk Manager	July 2013
Obtain and examine latest CIPFA and Audit Commission guidance on fraud and corruption and consider if any of the recommendations impact on WDC's fraud prevention procedures or the policy and strategy.	Audit and Risk Manager	December 2012
Present an annual report recording progress against the Action Plan together with a revised Action Plan.	Audit and Risk Manager	Annually