

## ACTION PLAN 2011/12

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 2010 Audit Commission report "Protecting the public purse"</b>		
Establish WDC compliance with Audit Commission checklist in order to identify any gaps and to consider if further counter fraud measures need to be introduced. The checklist is reproduced as Appendix D.	Audit and Risk Manager	September 2011
<b>OBJECTIVE: Promote fraud awareness within the Council</b>		
Develop and issue fraud awareness guidance for members, managers and staff.	Audit and Risk Manager	December 2011
<b>OBJECTIVE: Apply CIPFA fraud risk evaluation diagnostic</b>		
Establish the Council's overall counter fraud arrangements by applying the evaluation tool and take appropriate action if any weaknesses are identified.	Audit and Risk Manager	September 2011
<b>OBJECTIVE: Improve publicity of successful fraud cases</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.	Audit and Risk Manager	December 2011
<b>OBJECTIVE: Effectively manage the council's role under the National Fraud Initiative (NFI)</b>		
Implement the action plan for NFI governance approved by Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee on 24 August 2010.	Head of Finance	September 2011
<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	March 2012

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<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 2012
As part of the review, benchmark the Strategy against other publicly available examples.	Audit and Risk Manager	January 2012
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 2011
Present an annual report recording progress against the Action Plan together with a revised Action Plan.	Audit and Risk Manager	Annually