

# GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

29 SEPTEMBER 2023

<b>ANNUAL ANTI-FRAUD AND ANTI-CORRUPTION REPORT 2022/23</b>		
<b>Recommendations / key decisions required:</b> To receive the report.		
<b>Reasons:</b> To receive the Annual Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Report 2022/23		
<b>Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted:</b> N/A		
<b>Cabinet Decision Required:</b> N/A <b>Council Decision Required:</b> N/A		
CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: Cllr A Lenny		
<b>Directorate:</b> Corporate Services		
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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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### ANNUAL ANTI-FRAUD AND ANTI-CORRUPTION REPORT 2022/23

Carmarthenshire County Council has a zero-tolerance stance to all forms of fraud, corruption and theft, both from within the Council and from external sources. We recognise fraud can:

- Undermine the standards of public service that the Council is attempting to achieve;
- Reduce the level of resources and services available for the residents of Carmarthenshire; and
- Result in major consequences which reduce public confidence in the Council.

Good Corporate Governance requires that the Authority must demonstrate clearly that it is committed to dealing with fraud and corruption and will deal equally with perpetrators from inside (Members and Employees) and outside the Council.

This report provides a summary of the activities of the Council's Anti-Fraud functions for the 2022/23 financial year.

The following report is attached:

Annual Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Report 2022/23

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**YES**

## IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

**Signed: H L Pugh – Head of Revenues and Financial Compliance**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

**Legal:**

The Fraud Act affects both companies and individuals and is part of a wider initiative to combat the increasing problem of fraud.

**Finance:**

In monetary terms, fraud costs the country billions of pounds a year. It also affects the amount of money we have available to spend on providing public services.

**Risk Management Issues:**

The nature and scale of fraud risks must be established and assessed.

## CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

**Signed: H L Pugh – Head of Revenues and Financial Compliance**

- 1.Scrutiny Committee: Not Applicable**
  - 2.Local Member(s): Not Applicable**
  - 3.Community / Town Council: Not Applicable**
  - 4.Relevant Partners: Not Applicable**
  - 5.Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations: Not Applicable**
- Corporate Management Team has been consulted with.**

<b>CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER AWARE/CONSULTED:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
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**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy 2020-2025	~	<a href="https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s44446/Report.pdf">https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s44446/Report.pdf</a>