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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ANTI-FRAUD and CORRUPTION PLAN 2018/19</b>	<b>REF:</b>
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## **1.0 Recommendations**

1.1 That the proposed Anti-Fraud and Corruption Plan attached to this report is approved.

## **2.0 Purpose of Report**

2.1 To consider an updated Anti-Fraud and Corruption Plan. This sets out how the Council aims to prevent and detect fraud, together with action the Council will take when dealing with identified cases of fraudulent activity.

## **3.0 Detail**

3.1 The Plan is aimed at directing the Council's Fraud Service to achieve its targets. These targets are to:

- Embed fraud awareness as part of the competency framework for employees.
- Advise and instil fraud checks as part of the Council's operational processes.
- Continue to develop the Fraud Partnership to include sanction targets.
- Maximise recovery of fraudulent payments and return of Council Assets with a performance target for the value of recovery and prevention to exceed the annual costs of the Fraud Service to the Council.
- Continue joint working arrangements with the Department for Work and Pensions and other agencies as appropriate.

- Engage with the Council's Internal Audit Service and the Audit-Sub Committee to maximise the use of resources and to identify potential errors of fraud and error.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 The Council's operational Fraud Service is delivered in Partnership with Derby City Council. The Council is also part of a wider Derbyshire Partnership which has attracted county-wide funding to develop the use of ICT and the implementation of a joint software package.

4.2 The Corporate Resources Service Plan includes a performance target of:

*"The value of fraud identified exceeds the cost of providing the fraud service."*

4.3 This performance target was introduced for 2017/18 and is reported to the Finance and Management Committee. Provisional figures for 2017/18 show that the value of fraud identified of approximately £70,000, which was attributable to South Derbyshire, exceeded the cost of the Service (staffing and licensing) which was just over £40,000 in 2017/18.

4.4 A further £89,000 has already been identified in 2018/19.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

5.1 The Plan includes raising awareness of staff through the induction process and from regular briefings.

#### **6.0 Community Implications**

6.1 The prevention and detection of fraudulent activity reduces the burden on the public purse.

#### **7.0 Background Papers**

7.1 None