

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>AUDIT COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Tracy Greenhalgh, Chief Internal Auditor
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	7 April 2016

## **CIPFA FRAUD AND CORRUPTION TRACKER (2015)**

### **1.0 Purpose of the report:**

- 1.1 To provide the Audit Committee with the outcomes of the national survey undertaken by the Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) in relation to fraud and corruption.

### **2.0 Recommendation(s):**

- 2.1 To consider the findings from the Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Fraud and Corruption Tracker (2015).

### **3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):**

- 3.1 To ensure that the Audit Committee are familiar with the latest information relating to fraud and corruption in local government.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:  
Not applicable.

### **4.0 Council Priority:**

- 4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are

- "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"
- "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

## **5.0 Background Information**

5.1 The Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Fraud and Corruption Tracker provides the national picture of:

- Reported Types of Fraud.
- Whistleblowing.
- Prosecutions.
- Counter Fraud and Corruption Resources.
- Counter Fraud and Anti-Corruption Plans.
- Fighting Fraud Locally.
- Emerging Threats.

At Blackpool Council the information gathered as part of this survey will be used to inform future fraud risk assessments and anti-fraud and corruption work programmes.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

### **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 5(a) - CIPFA Fraud and Corruption Tracker.

## **6.0 Legal considerations:**

6.1 All work undertaken by Risk Services is in line with relevant legislation. This is particularly important when undertaking fraud investigations where a number of regulations need to be adhered to.

## **7.0 Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 Not applicable

## **8.0 Equalities considerations:**

8.1 Not applicable

## **9.0 Financial considerations:**

9.1 All fraud prevention work will be delivered within the Risk Services budget.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

- 10.1 The primary role of Risk Services is to provide assurance that the Council is effectively managing its risks and provide support to all services in relation to risk and control. This includes fraud prevention, detection and investigatory work.

**11.0 Ethical considerations:**

- 11.1 Not applicable.

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

- 12.1 Not applicable.

**13.0 Background papers:**

- 13.1 None.