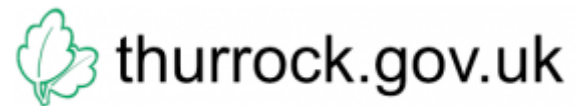


Counter Fraud & Investigation



See it. Report it. Stop it.

Counter Fraud Strategy & Work Plan 2021/22



Our Fraud Control Strategy

CF&I uses a Control Strategy to focus its work in the right areas for Thurrock. That approach ensures that we are able to identify at the earliest stage intelligence relating to the key priorities below, particularly those affecting the most vulnerable of society.

Who are We?

A specialist function to protect public finance from fraud and serious crime, using our legal framework as a local authority service

What is Our Purpose?

- 1 Protect the public purse from crime
- 2 Support the wider-public sector with shared, advanced capabilities

What are Our Priorities?

Crimes affecting a vulnerable adult or child

Insider threats in local government

Organised crime targeting local government

Improving local government's resilience to cyber crime

How do we Succeed?

Always acting Ethically in everything that we do, working to our values, attitudes and principles

Consider opportunities to work collaboratively with others for the benefit of our purpose, sharing our knowledge, experience and expertise

Apply the 4 'P' Strategy to Prevent, Protect and Prepare local government for economic crime, pursuing offenders where necessary

Ensure our teams are fully equipped to respond to the threats faced from economic crime

Proactive Work Plan 2020/21

Risk Area	Activity	When	Current Status	Responsible Officer	Date Complete
Council-wide	<p>Training of high risk areas in counter fraud measures</p> <p>Ensure understanding of the threats posed to those areas. To be tailored to the areas and ongoing support offered via a Single Point of Contact with CFI</p>	06/21 To 05/22	Targeted Virtual Training Sessions have been delivered to teams across the council, particularly those services seeing high volumes of work.	Phil Butt	
Council-wide	<p>Review all relevant policies concerning fraud aspects</p> <p>Ensuring that all hold the most up to date legislative information as well as ensuring best practice is always adhered to.</p>	01/22		Michael Dineen	
Revenues & Treasury	<p>COVID-19 Business Grants Counter Fraud Programme</p> <p>The council has awarded £19m of government grants to businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. The team will be using the Counter Fraud tools provided by the Cabinet Office and commercial sector to assure the payment already made and prevent future frauds.</p> <p><i>(Continued from 2020/21 due to ongoing grants)</i></p>	06/21 To 05/22	<p>The Post-Assurance work on Grants already awarded is continuing as part of the national programme with the team at the Cabinet Office.</p> <p>The current grant schemes continue to be monitored between the Revenues & CF&I teams to prevent fraud and respond to identified incidents.</p>	David Nash	
Council-wide	<p>Renewed Education & Marketing Campaign for Countering Fraud, Housing Fraud, Insider Threats and Corruption</p>	12/21		Nicholas Coker	
Council-wide	<p>Targeting POCA and Civil Legislation to maximise effect on criminal behaviour</p> <p>Ensure that CFI utilise the appropriate legislation to maximise the effects on criminals and ensure that our vision of protecting the public purse is adhered to by promoting this work.</p>	06/21 To 05/22		Roger Noakes	