



# Ryedale District Council

## Counter Fraud Plan 2020/21

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## Introduction

- 1 This plan sets out the activities that the counter fraud service delivers to Ryedale District Council. The plan was originally due to be presented to the Audit Committee for approval in April 2020. Following the cancellation of that meeting Veritau has been undertaking work in response to Covid-19 fraud related issues as well as other types of fraud occurring during this period.
- 2 The Counter Fraud Plan is based on an estimate of the amount of resource required to provide the range of counter fraud activities required by the council. A total of 105 days of counter fraud work has been agreed for 2020/21.

## 2020/21 Counter Fraud Plan

- 3 A summary of planned areas of work is set out in the table below.

Fraud Area	Scope
Counter Fraud General	<p>Monitoring changes to regulations and guidance, review of counter fraud risks, and support to the council with maintenance of the counter fraud framework. This will include completion of the annual counter fraud risk assessment and review of the counter fraud policy and strategy.</p> <p>The counter fraud team has provided support to the council on counter fraud risks during its response to Covid-19, including preparation of updated fraud risk assessments to reflect current threats.</p>
Proactive Work	<p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• raising awareness of counter fraud issues and procedures for reporting suspected fraud - for example through training and provision of updates on fraud related issues</li><li>• targeted proactive counter fraud work - for example through local and regional data matching exercises</li><li>• support and advice on cases which may be appropriate for investigation and advice on appropriate measures to deter and prevent fraud.</li></ul>
Reactive Investigations	<p>Investigation of suspected fraud affecting the council. This includes feedback on any changes needed to procedures to prevent fraud recurring.</p> <p>Fraudulent applications for Covid-19 business grants have already come to light nationally and cases at the council may be identified. The team will investigate any</p>

cases identified and support the recovery of funds.

National Fraud Initiative (NFI)

Coordinating submission of data to the Cabinet Office for the NFI national fraud data matching programme and investigation of subsequent matches.

Fraud Liaison

Acting as a single point of contact for the Department for Work and Pensions, to provide data to support their housing benefit investigations.