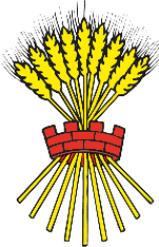




**COUNTER FRAUD  
PLAN**

**2022/23**

**RYEDALE  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**



**Annex 2**

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## INTRODUCTION

- 1 Veritau undertakes counter fraud work on behalf of Ryedale District Council. This document summarises the agreed areas of counter fraud work for 2022/23.
- 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 2022/23.

## 2022/23 COUNTER FRAUD SUMMARY

- 3 A summary of planned areas of work is set out in the table below. An estimated number of days for each area is provided but this will be flexible to reflect the work that arises during the year. Whilst many counter fraud activities will be similar to previous years, particular attention will be paid to any new or emerging risks relating to local government reorganisation (LGR) in North Yorkshire.

Area	Days	Scope
<b>Counter Fraud General</b>	10	Monitoring changes to regulations and guidance, reviewing counter fraud risks, and supporting counter fraud activities in preparation for local government reorganisation. Updates on significant fraud trends and counter fraud activities will be provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee periodically.
<b>Proactive Work</b>	15	<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>
<b>Reactive Investigations</b>	55	Investigation of suspected fraud affecting the council. This includes feedback on any changes needed to procedures to prevent fraud reoccurring.
<b>Covid-19 Response Work</b>	5	Supporting assurance activities and investigation of potential fraud highlighted through this work. Assisting the council to recover money lost to fraud through grants.
<b>National Fraud Initiative (NFI)</b>	15	Coordinating submission of data to the Cabinet Office for the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) data matching programme and investigation of subsequent matches.
<b>Fraud Liaison</b>	5	Acting as a single point of contact for the Department for Work and Pensions, to provide data to support housing benefit investigations.