APPENDIX C

Anti-Fraud Work Plan

(Drawn together from entries in the Audit Plan for 2024/25

Audit Name	Work Focus	Update Position (End of March 2025)
National Fraud Initiative (NFI) Investigation Work	Review of data matches to assess whether fraudulent.	New exercise commenced, data matches submitted by due deadline.
		(This is a large/time consuming re-occurring exercise that is ongoing during the year.)
Procurement Cards	Check that cards are issued and used in accordance with the Council's Policy/Procedures, focussing on potential for inappropriate/fraudulent use.	Testing
West Berkshire Lottery	Check that there is a contract in place with the lottery service provider, and that it is effectively managed, in order to reduce the risk of reputational damage and funds being misappropriated/inappropriately used.	Completed
Personal Budgets (Direct Payments/Use of payment cards) (Education Service)	Personal Budgets may be used inappropriately/fraudulent documentation could be provided for expenditure incurred.	Testing
Council Tax Hardship Fund	Check that grant applications have been appropriately checked/vetted and that grants have been awarded accurately/appropriately.	Completed
Disabled Facilities Grant	Check that grants awarded in accordance with legislation/Council procedures, that inappropriate payments have not been made.	Draft Report Issued