

COUNTER FRAUD UPDATE

1. Current Operations

- Fraud referral case for Cotswold DC. Opportunity for joint working with other LA's and Trading Standards.
- Health & Safety work stream to ensure lone working policies and personal safety protocol in place.
- Drafting and implementation of appropriate policies, legal contracts/documentation and data sharing agreements.
- Project implementation re Gloucestershire county-wide data warehouse system including link with West Oxfordshire; extending to Oxfordshire county in line with the DCLG bid.

2. Project Documentation

- Project Initiation Document is in production and is expected to be presented to Gloucestershire Chief Finance Officer Group meeting September/October (including plan for engagement with Oxfordshire and West Oxfordshire).
- Timeline in production.
- Financial forecast and models under development.

3. Timeline

- Schedule of works for Local Authorities within the area
- The Section 101 agreement is expected to take at least 6-8 months. Section 113 temporary solution until S101 available.

4. Planned Work Streams

- More structured approach and agreement with regard to fraud work for Cotswold DC and West Oxfordshire DC.
- Policy and procedures are under review and alignment across Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire.

5. Software Procurement

- We are developing the requirements document which will lead to the selection process for the data matching software. This will be using the £400k DCLG funding.
- We have met with the some of the software providers.
- We are aware of the software solution being implemented by Oxford City for the hub. This will influence the procurement process due to the DCLG bid links.

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