

Key Decision Details

Decision Name	Benefit fraud prosecution policy and procedures
Date of Decision	12 June 2008
Decision maker	Cabinet
Describe the Decision taken	Approved a revised Benefits Prosecution Policy for the prosecution of benefit claimants, landlords, employees and members who had committed benefit fraud. Authorised the Fraud Manager to undertake court hearings and issue formal cautions and administrative penalties and staff within the Fraud Team to undertake investigations in fraud affecting all other District Council services and to report to the relevant Head of Service on the outcomes, findings and recommendations arising from these investigations.
What were the reasons for taking the Decision?	To respond to the increase in cases being investigated
What alternative options were considered and rejected?	None
Conflict of interest and dispensation	None
Is the decision a Key Decision?	Yes
Was the decision included in the Forward Plan	No
Was the decision subject to the urgency proceedings?	No
List the background papers to any report considered by the Decision Taker	None.
Person Making this report	Mrs Helen Taylor
Date upon which the Decision will come into force, subject to no call-in	20 June 2008

Accompanying Documents Fraud Prosecution Policy

HDC Benefits Prosecution Policy
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