

Investigations

1. The following investigations have been reported to previous committees and are still being investigated:

1.1. An investigation is ongoing into alleged operational and financial irregularities within Streetscene, four employees are still suspended.

1.2. Information was received regarding alleged collusion between employees and a supplier. Disciplinary action is being carried out.

2. The following investigations have been completed:

2.1 Internal audit assisted a school in gathering evidence of a case where invoices had been paid for services that were not required by the school. A disciplinary investigation was carried out which resulted in a member of staff being dismissed.

2.2. Information was received regarding a potential fraudulent benefit claim by a member of the public. The subject is also in receipt of allowances from the Council under the Direct Payment scheme. Counsel advice was sought which has resulted in the legal case not being pursued, however the claimant is to be billed for the overpayment and the level of benefits paid has been considerably reduced.