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- a) Has your organisation’s Chief Executive (or equivalent) received the Home Office’s December 2016 report ‘Organised Crime Procurement Pilots: Final Report’?

No / Yes If yes, to whom has it been passed onto for action?

Yes. The report was passed to the Head of Commissioning and Investment, Senior Manager: Audit, Risk and Procurement, and Head of Finance.

- b) As of 1st August 2017, to which of the following has report been passed:

The head of the organisation’s audit committee?	No / Yes	No
The head of audit (or equivalent)?	No / Yes	Yes
The head of the procurement (or equivalent)?	No / Yes	Yes
The head of environmental services (or equivalent)?	No / Yes	No
The head of licensing (or equivalent)?	No / Yes	No
The Council’s Audit Committee	No / Yes	No
The Council’s Standards Committee	No / Yes	No

- c) Who in your organisation, or what part or committee, is responsible for implementing the *recommendations* contained in ‘Organised Crime Procurement Pilots: Final Report’?

The Head of Commissioning & Investment and Senior Manager: Audit, Risk & Procurement, in conjunction with the Authority’s Senior Leadership Team and strategic partners.

- d) Is your organisation planning to carry out a *review* in accordance with the report?

No / Yes Yes

If yes, how is it planning to do this?

(for example, is it directing the report to specific managers to review and report back? Or is it directing Internal Audit to carry out a review and then report back?).

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It is planned that the review will be led by Internal Audit, in conjunction with relevant managers across the organisation and its strategic partners, and the findings of the review reported to the Authority's Audit Committee once finalised.

- e) Is there any intention to integrate the report with your policies on corruption and / or fraud?

No / Yes

If yes, who will have this responsibility?

The Authority's Anti Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy clearly explains the Authority's zero tolerance of fraud, bribery and corruption and explains the roles of a number of the Authority's stakeholders in the prevention, deterrence and detection of fraud and impropriety. The Authority's policy also incorporates a Fraud Response Plan for any instances where suspected fraud occurs.

As the review referred to above is completed, any changes required to the Anti Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy will be determined and actioned as appropriate.

- f) In regards to the report, do you have, or do intent to have, a formal liaison or protocol with your local police or regional organised crime unit (e.g. NERSOU, ODYSSEY, TITAN, EMSOU)

No / Yes

The Authority already has in place a number of partnerships and multi-agency working arrangements with other agencies, including the Police.
A formal liaison or protocol is not currently in place with a local regional organised crime unit. However, this will be examined as part of the review referred to above.