

**NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE (NFI) – NATIONAL EXERCISE 2010/11**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

This report provides the current position of NFI match investigations as at 8 November 2011. Two tables are provided in Appendix 1. Table 1, details the cumulative monthly progress of match investigations with an estimated completion date for any remaining datasets. Table 2 in Appendix 1, provides key external agency review dates, when an evaluation of the Council's progress with NFI match investigations will be undertaken.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Audit Committee is asked to note the contents of this report which will be followed up by Internal Audit.

**3. DETAILS**

- 3.1 The contents of this report were presented to and noted by the Strategic Management Team (SMT) on 14 November 2011. Further reports will be provided to the SMT and Audit Committee covering progress of the remaining match investigations. Grant Thornton also receive progress reports, post SMT.
- 3.2 As at 8 November 2011, of the 6 NFI match categories 5 have been completed and one continues to be progressed.
- 3.3 In September, the NFI requested 2 further data sets, Council Tax and an updated Electoral Register. The Council Tax data has been uploaded onto the NFI secure website; the Electoral Register will be uploaded to the NFI website when the data becomes available in December.
- 3.4 From the Housing Benefit matches already closed, it has been established that there are 4 Fraud Cases with Fraud Overpayments totalling £17,423.89, with a further potential Fraud Overpayment totalling £4,621.21; this would potentially identify Overpayments to the total value of £ 22,045.10.
- 3.5 Table 2, Appendix 1, shows the key external review dates. The reviews will be undertaken by either external audit or other agencies. The external publication date of the national report is also provided.

**4 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The Audit Committee will continue to receive reports regarding the progress of remaining match investigations.

**APPENDIX 1**

**Table 1 - Cumulative Progress Report 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

<b>Datasets</b>	<b>Recommended Filter Matches</b>	<b>Total Matches</b>	<b>Matches selected for Investigation</b>	<b>Cumulative Matches Processed as at 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2011</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Target dates for completion of Matches</b>
<b>Housing Benefit</b>	161	1370	161	216	<b>Fraud Administrator</b>	<b>31/11/2011</b>
<b>Creditors</b>	509	7723	190	212	<b>Completed</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	5	195	21	21	<b>Completed</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Residential Care Homes</b>	47	86	86	86	<b>Completed</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Blue Badges</b>	114	120	120	120	<b>Complete</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	0	7	7	7	<b>Completed</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>9502</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>662</b>		

<b>Datasets</b>	<b>Outcomes for Completed Datasets</b>
<b>Creditors</b>	The match sample investigation identified four duplicates, however in each case Creditors duplicate software (Fiscal Technologies) had picked them up and were resolved at the time.
<b>Private Residential Care Homes</b>	There were no issues found.
<b>Insurance</b>	There were no issues found.
<b>Blue Badges</b>	There were no issues found.
<b>Payroll</b>	There were no issues found.

**Table 2 – Key External Review Dates**

<b>Key Dates</b>	<b>Target Dates</b>
NFI: All selected matches should have been investigated and outcomes recoded on the NFI website	January 2012
NFI: Final position statement. The council should ensure all work is up to date	February 2012
NFI: Case Studies - National report examples of good practice.	March 2012
Publication of national report	May 2012

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