

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**21 October 2008**

**Report of the Chief Internal Auditor**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters for Information**

**1 NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE 2008**

**Summary**

**This report informs Members of the above national data matching exercise carried out by the Audit Commission.**

**1.1 Introduction**

1.1.1 Members will be aware that the Audit Commission regularly carry out the above exercise on a two-yearly cycle. The Council is legally obliged to participate in the exercise and provide the data requested.

1.1.2 Participation in the exercise is also a requirement contained within the Key Lines of Enquiry review.

**1.2 Data Download**

1.2.1 This year the data is required to be downloaded on 6 October 2008. All Chief Officers have been alerted to the data required and steps have been taken to comply with this requirement.

1.2.2 The data required to be supplied by the Council is as follows: -

- Payroll
- Trade creditors' payment history and standing data
- Housing benefits
- Council tax – Not required until 2009
- Electoral register – Not required until 2009

- Transport passes and permits (including residents' parking and concessionary travel)
- Insurance claimants – To be supplied direct by Zurich Municipal
- Licences - Taxi driver and (new) Personal licences to supply alcohol

1.2.3 This data will be matched with a number of Government related data sets with a timetable to produce results for investigation in January 2009.

1.2.4 Members may like to note that the last exercise carried out in 2006/7 resulted in one Benefit Case prosecution in Tonbridge & Malling.

1.2.5 The Audit Commission has a website containing all of the details relating to exercise at <http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/nfi>

Background Papers

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NFI 2008 Handbook

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