

NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE	8 March 2017
AUDIT COMMITTEE For information	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Governance
Outcome	Budget Management
Lead Officer	David Wright
Cost: (If applicable)	

1.1 Background

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council has, together with all other public bodies, committed to participating in the National Fraud Initiative (NFI). All four legacy Councils participated in the process for the last few cycles. This is the first participation for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

1.2 Detail

The National Fraud Initiative (NFI) is an exercise that matches electronic data within and between public and private sector bodies to prevent and detect fraud. There are three dataset provided by Council, these are;

- 1 Payroll Data
- 2 Creditors payment data
- 3 Creditors standing data

These and other datasets supplied by a wide range of bodies and organisations are then compared in order to identify "matches" ie: data which appears in more than one dataset. Once the National Audit Office has completed this matching process each organisation involved receives a summary of data included within their datasets which has similarly appeared in another organisations dataset. The matched data has a traffic light system by which the data matches are prioritised, those with a high priority should all be investigated fully whilst those of a low priority may be investigated by way of a sample.

Council has received their data matches from the current round of NFI detailing are 501 matches for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, 484 of which are trade creditor matches. Thirty two matches have been recommended for investigation. In addition to those recommended for investigation a random sample will also be

investigated and action taken where necessary. All findings will be brought back to Council at a later date.