

Bridgend County Borough Council
Audit Committee
16th November 2006
Report of the Chief Internal Auditor

National Fraud Initiative (NFI) 2006/07

Purpose of Report

1. To inform the committee on the current position in respect of the Council's participation in the National Fraud Initiative 2006/07.

Background

2. NFI is a data-matching exercise that helps detect fraudulent and erroneous payments from the public purse across the UK.
3. NFI began in 1996, and now runs every two years. It helps participants from local government, central government and the NHS to identify fraud and error. The Auditor General for Wales is responsible for NFI in Wales and undertakes the exercise in accordance with the powers set out in s145A of the Government of Wales Act 1998.
4. NFI 2006/2007 is currently being rolled out and has been developed to include new modules.

Current Position

5. Internal Audit co-ordinates this process on behalf of the Council and has recently provided the necessary payroll and creditor data.
6. Housing Benefit and Student Loan Data are being provided by the Department of Work and Pensions and the Student Loan Company respectively.
7. All staff have been informed of the initiative, via their payslips.

Recommendation

8. That members note this report.

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Background documents:

None