Background

- Southend-on-Sea Borough Council received a total of 5,085 matches as part of the National Fraud Initiative 2014/15. This is across a total of 84 reports.
- The National Fraud Initiative lists matches with three different categories High, Medium, Low and within those categories highlights certain matches as recommended.
- Each report has guidance attached to it which advises that the report is filtered so the recommended matches are processed. As such, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council will normally only process recommended matches on the high level risk reports. However, some departments will process additional matches due to the nature of the report.
- The summary below lists the total recommended matches for the high level reports and the number of matches cleared.
- If a department has processed additional matches, for example relating to deceased data, then additional matches will be classed as
 recommended.
- This means Southend-on-Sea Borough Council has a total of 1,752 matches across 34 reports to be processed.
- Since the last report an additional 5 reports have been received with an additional 179 matches.
- Council staff have processed 1,312 matches which leaves 440 matches to complete.
- The comments section will refer to Notes below and provide further explanation on the reports:
 - **Note 1**: Further filters have been applied to these reports which have removed some high level recommend matches e.g. benefit claimants in receipt of a primary benefit as the Department for Work and Pensions would normally investigate those individuals.
 - Note 2: 'Report not actioned' means that none of the data matches in that category have been reviewed at the time of reporting.
 - **Note 3**: Indicates cases currently under investigation or awaiting response from an external body i.e. Department for Work and Pensions, Other Local Authorities or court hearings.
 - Note 4: Unable to review matches in the foreseeable future due to staff resource issues.

Report Name	Recommended Matches	Cleared Matches	Comments	Case Proven No. & (£)	Target Completion Dates	
Blue Badge						
Blue Badge Parking Permit to Blue Badge Parking Permit	9	9	1 Data Error corrected.			
Blue Badge Parking Permit to Blue Badge Parking Permit Phone Number	6	6				
Blue Badge Parking Permit to DWP Deceased	220	220				
Concessionary Travel Passes						
Concessionary Travel Passes to DWP Deceased	471	471	1 Data Error corrected.			
Creditors						
Duplicate creditors by address detail	92		Note 2			
Duplicate creditors by bank account number	24		Note 2			
Duplicate creditors by creditor name	43		Note 2			
Duplicate creditors by creditor reference	4		Note 2			

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Duplicate records by amount and creditor reference	331	329			
Duplicate records by invoice number and amount but different creditor reference and name	7	7			
Duplicate records by name, invoice number and amount but different creditor reference	1	1			
Duplicate records by postcode, invoice amount but different creditor reference and invoice number and date	1	1			
Duplicate records by reference, amount and creditor reference	12	12			
VAT overpaid	134	134			
Housing Benefit Matches					
Housing Benefit Claimants to DWP Deceased	62	62			
Housing Benefit Claimants to Housing Benefit Claimants	10	3			
Housing Benefit Claimants to Housing Tenants	4		Note 2		

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Housing Benefit Claimants to Incountry Immigration	7		Note 2		
Housing Benefit Claimants to Market Traders	1		Note 2		
Housing Benefit Claimants to Payroll	8	1			
Housing Benefit Claimants to Pensions	24		Note 2		
Housing Benefit Claimants to Right to Buy	1		Note 2		
Housing Benefit Claimants to Student Loans	151		Note 2		
Housing Benefit Claimants to Taxi Drivers	11		Note 2		
Housing Tenants					
Housing Tenants to Housing Benefit Claimants	6	5			
Housing Tenants to Housing Tenants	5	5			

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Payroll Matches							
Payroll to Creditors	7		Note 2				
Payroll to Payroll	3	1					
Personal Budgets							
Personal Budgets to DWP Deceased	9	9					
Personal Budgets to Pensions	34		Note 2				
Private Residential Care Homes	Private Residential Care Homes						
Private Residential Care Homes to DWP Deceased	28	28					
Resident Parking Permits							
Resident Parking Permits to DWP Deceased	18		Note 2				
Right to Buy							
Right to Buy to Housing Benefit Claimants	6	6					
Right to Buy to Right to Buy	2	2					