

Appendix 3: 2014/15 National Fraud Initiative Data Matches

Update – March 2016

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council has received a total of 5,775 matches to date as part of the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) 2014/15.

Background

The NFI issues matches with three different categories - High, Medium and 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 (SBC) will normally **only process recommended matches on the high level reports**. However, some departments will process additional matches due to the nature of the report.

The summary table below lists the total number recommended matches for the high level reports and the number of recommended matches cleared.

If a department has processed additional matches, for example relating to deceased data, then additional matches will be classed as recommended.

Current Figures

- SBC has a total of 1684 recommended matches across 35 high level reports to be processed.
- 18 reports, comprising 788 high level recommended matches, have been fully processed and completed.
- 17 reports, comprising 896 high level recommended matches, are left to complete, with 43.4% of recommended matches left to view.

Notes

The following notes 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 the report have been reviewed at the time of reporting.
- Note 3: Indicates matches currently under investigation or awaiting response from an external body, i.e. the 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 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		
Duplicate records by amount and creditor reference	331	329	Note 3		
Duplicate records by invoice number and amount but different creditor reference and name	7	7			

Report Name	Recommended Matches	Cleared Matches	Comments	Case Proven No. & (£)	Target Completion Dates
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	11	11			
VAT overpaid	133	133			
Housing Benefit Matches					
Housing Benefit Claimants to DWP Deceased	62	62			
Housing Benefit Claimants to Housing Benefit Claimants	10	1	Note 3		
Housing Benefit Claimants to Housing Tenants	2		Note 2		
Housing Benefit Claimants to In-country Immigration	8	5	3 matches under investigation.		
Housing Benefit Claimants to Market Traders	1		Note 2		
Housing Benefit Claimants to Payroll	7		Note 2		

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Housing Benefit Claimants to Pensions	24		Note 2		
Housing Benefit Claimants to Right to Buy	1		Note 2		
Housing Benefit Claimants to Student Loans	229		Note 2		
Housing Benefit Claimants to Taxi Drivers	11		Note 2		
Payroll Matches					
Payroll to Creditors	7		Note 2		
Payroll to Payroll	3		Note 2		
Personal Budgets					
Personal Budgets to DWP Deceased	9	9			
Personal Budgets to Pensions	34		Note 2		
Private Residential Care Homes					
Private Residential Care Homes to DWP Deceased	28	28			

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Resident Parking Permits					
Resident Parking Permits to DWP Deceased	17		Note 2		
Right to Buy					
Right to Buy to Housing Benefit Claimants	6	6			
Right to Buy to Right to Buy	2	2			