

## Cabinet 17 September 2008

## Report of the Policy Development Committee: National Fraud Initiative (NFI) Strategy

- 1. The National Fraud Initiative (NFI) Strategy is a new strategy produced to ensure the Council has procedures in place to meet recent changes in legislation in relation to data matching and the prevention and detection of fraud.
- 2. The areas included within data matching were expanding, and the submission of data has become mandatory this year, so it is important for the Council to have appropriate policies and procedures for officers to follow. This area is also subject to external review under the Comprehensive Area Assessment.
- 3. The Committee considered the draft Strategy and its associated Action Plan detailing actions completed to date and proposed actions required to deliver the Strategy and improve the processes that supported the NFI objectives.
- 4. The Committee RECOMMENDS that the Draft National Fraud Initiative (NFI) and Data Matching Strategy, as set out in Report Z203, be approved.

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