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Your Ref:  
Date: 14 September 2020



Town Hall  
Market Street  
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Dear Councillor

**CABINET OFFICE NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE (NFI)**

The Council is once again participating in the biennial Cabinet Office National Fraud Initiative (NFI), which is an exercise to promote the proper spending of public money. This forms part of the work the Council undertakes in support of the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy, and is also a requirement under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

The latest round of the NFI takes place in October this year and we will be providing details from the Council's payroll to the Cabinet Office in order that they can be compared to the information provided from other public and private bodies. The initiative works by matching the data held in various public and private sector databases to identify potentially fraudulent activity such as the same person being paid for working full time in two places at once or the use of bogus National Insurance numbers. Any "matches" are the subject of further investigation and appropriate action.

I am writing to formally inform you that data held about you within the payroll system will be included in the exercise. The whole scheme works within strict national guidelines, which takes full account of the General Data Protection Regulations.

Please note that key payroll data and personal identifiers may be provided to bodies responsible for auditing and administering public funds for the purposes of preventing and detecting fraud.

This correspondence is for information only and whilst you do not need to do anything, the following link to the Council website provides further information regarding the National Fraud Initiative, and data protection:

<http://chorley.gov.uk/Pages/AtoZ/Information.aspx>.

If you have any questions, you should contact Human Resources in the first instance who can also provide hard copies of information available on our website.

The Council takes its duty to protect public funds seriously and this scheme is an effective means of detecting and deterring fraud. If you suspect any fraudulent activity you should immediately contact the Shared Assurance Team on 01772 625251 in confidence.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Hall".

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