From: <u>Hendry, Angela</u>

To: Subject: Date:

FOI Acknowledgment 27 June 2024 14:26:00

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Dear

FOI Ref: 87756/24

Thank you for your request for information, dated 25 June 2024, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

- 1. When are you next going through an audit of the national fraud initiative?
- 2. What current procedures do you have in place such as confirmation of payee against fraud?
- 3. What is your current confirmation of payee software incumbent product & the renewal date of the contract.

This is to identify tender opportunities. Please provide the information in the form of an email. If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request. If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

The Commission aims to respond promptly and within the statutory deadline of 20 working days set by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please expect a response by 23 July 2024.

In some cases a fee may be payable and if that is the case I will let you know. A fees notice will be issued to you, and you will be required to pay before I will proceed to deal with your request.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me on the details provided below. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Kind regards

Angela Hendry

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FOI Response 18 July 2024 09:06:00

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Dear

FOI Ref: 87756/24

Thank you for your request for information, dated 26 June 2024, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please see below the information you requested, with our response under each question.

- 1. When are you next going through an audit of the national fraud initiative?

 Although we are an independent body, we would be covered by the guidance provided for central government departments and would be able to submit the two data sets should we choose to do so. While the NFI is not mandatory, we will consider submitting our payroll and supplier data in the next round of the NFI.
- 2. What current procedures do you have in place such as confirmation of payee against fraud?
 - We have in place security call for bank detail amendments. In addition, confirmation of payee checks are being introduced by our bank, which we understand will be in place soon. These check the name of the account holder we intend to pay, against the details held for that account by the payee's bank. This provides greater assurance that payments will be made to the intended recipient and not accidentally or deliberately misdirected.
- 3. What is your current confirmation of payee software incumbent product & the renewal date of the contract

This is not applicable to us, as we make payments using our online banking system.

I hope this answers your request. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting the reference number above in any correspondence.

If you are unhappy with the response or the way in which your request was dealt with and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to:

Kathryn Trower Director of Corporate Services Local Government Boundary Commission for England 1 Floor Windsor House 50 Victoria Street London SW1H 0TL

Kind regards

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