

COMMITTEE	<b>GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE</b>
DATE	<b>13 NOVEMBER 2025</b>
TITLE	<b>NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE 2024-25: UPDATE</b>
PURPOSE OF REPORT	<b>TO PROVIDE A NATIONAL-LEVEL UPDATE ON THE LATEST NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE EXERCISE 2024–25</b>
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ACTION	<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 As a public authority, Cyngor Gwynedd is required by law to protect the public funds it administers. Every two years, a data matching exercise known as the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) is carried out. Data matching involves comparing computer records held by the Council against other computer records held internally or with another body, to see the extent to which they match. When data is matched, it may indicate a possible inconsistency that requires further investigation, as it could be fraudulent. It cannot be assumed that there is a case of fraud, error, or another explanation until an investigation is conducted.
- 1.2 This briefing note provides an update on the latest NFI 2024-25 exercise at a national level as at 31 July 2025. It also provides some local level data for Cyngor Gwynedd.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report, offer comments thereon and accept the report.