



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS
COMMITTEE
4 DECEMBER 2008**

Report of the Head of Audit and
Risk Management

ITEM 12

Internal Data Matching – Policy and Strategy

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To approve the Data Matching Policy and Strategy.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The report on the National Fraud Initiative 2008/9 to the meeting on 24 September 2008, gave details of the progress made on Internal Data Matching. The Data Matching Policy and Strategy has been compiled and will be the overall framework under which this work is carried out. A copy of this document is attached at Appendix 2.
- 2.2 The Data Matching Policy and Strategy outlines the scope of the exercise and the restrictions on the retention of the data extracted. Particular attention has been paid to the legal basis for the work and the arrangements being put in place to ensure secure storage.
- 2.3 Subject to approval, it is anticipated that the first run of the testing and cross matching will begin in December 2008. Regular updates on the progress and outcomes from this exercise will be reported to this Committee.

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Background papers:

List of appendices:

Appendix 1 – Implications

Appendix 2 – Data Matching Policy and Strategy

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None directly arising.

Legal

2. Under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003, the Council is required to maintain an adequate and effective system of internal audit of its accounting records and of its system of internal control in accordance with the proper internal audit practices.

Personnel

3. None directly arising.

Equalities impact

4. None directly arising.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The functions of the Committee have been established to support delivery of corporate objectives by enhancing scrutiny of various aspects of the Council's controls and governance arrangements.