

Fraudulent standing orders

1. Purpose of the Report

The report is to provide members with an update regarding the fraudulent standing orders that had been set up on teachers bank accounts

2. Recommendation

- i) The Forum note the current position
- ii) The Forum ask for a further update when the investigation is complete

3. Investigation update for Schools Forum

- 3.1 The Special Investigation section of the Council's Anti-Fraud & Corruption Team (A-FACT) is in the process of conducting a criminal investigation into the fraudulent use of a number of employees bank details. The Police are also conducting their own enquires. Both investigations are ongoing.
- 3.2 A-FACT have received only one report of an attempted fraud in the last month, involving an employee's bank account, but would encourage employees to remain vigilant and to check their bank statements thoroughly.
- 3.3 A-FACT are reviewing all the systems involved in the processing of employee's personal data. The evidence arising from this investigation so far has been analysed and in our opinion it would appear highly unlikely that the data held within the Payroll team has been compromised.
- 3.4 A-FACT are satisfied that employees payroll data is held in a secure environment and there is no valid reason for employees withholding their personal bank details from Payroll.
- 3.5 We are hoping to bring this investigation to a conclusion shortly and will be issuing a further briefing at that time.

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