MEETING **AUDIT COMMITTEE**
DATE AND TIME **THURSDAY 28TH JANUARY, 2021** **AT 7.30 PM**
VENUE **VITRUAL MEETING:** https://bit.ly/35XaoBp

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda.

Item No	Title of Report	Pages
5	PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)	3 - 4

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AUDIT COMMITTEE
Thursday 28 January 2021

ITEM 5 – PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND WRITTEN COMMENTS

Note:

A time period of up to 30 minutes is available for public questions in total. Supplementary questions will be asked in order of receipt. The questioner may ask one supplementary question at the meeting which will be answered without discussion. The supplementary question must be relevant to the original question put to the Chairman.

AGENDA ITEM 5

Agenda Item No	Question raised by	Public Question
Item 8 - Corporate Anti-Fraud Team (CAFT) Q3 Progress Report 2020-21	**Derek Dishman**	

2. Pro-active fraud plan

Table 1 provides an update against any CAFT pro-active activity undertaken in this period as set out within the 2020/21 plan

CAFT Pro-active review	Outcome
Parking Appeals review A review of the last 24 months data, focusing on persons and businesses who have had multiple successful appeals against street issued PCN's for parking infringements	A total of 130 cases were examined and this has led to 84 investigations being opened. These cases are currently live and are expected to be concluded during the course of 2021/22, due to the inability to visit or interview suspects at this time.

'Appeal' has a defined meaning and is when a PCN is going to be considered by an independent adjudicator at London Tribunals.

Is that what the report means, that 130 decided Appeals were examined and 84 are being investigated or does it really mean 'representations' (whether informal challenges or formal representations) which are considered by the council alone? What is the largest number of multiple successful 'appeals' that is being investigated against one party?

Response:

These investigations are related to instances where a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) has been issued for a parking contravention. The recipient has an oportunity to appeal to the council and give reasons why the PCN should not have been issued or to give mitigating reasons for the contravention. These would be classed as 'representations' as per your definitions above.

There are instances where the information / evidence being supplied is false and therefore falls under the remit of the CAFT to investigate. We cannot, at this stage, provide information on the number of investigations being undertaken into each party. Once the investigations have been completed further information will be provided in the CAFT quarterly report in due course.