



**Date: 18 December 2013**

**Item 14: Half Yearly Fraud Report 2013/14**

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**This paper will be considered in public**

**1 Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of the half-yearly fraud report is to provide a summary of the work undertaken by the Fraud Team for the first half of 2013/14 (Periods 1 to 6).
- 1.2 Details of fraud cases investigated during the half year are included in the paper on Part 2 of the agenda.

**2 Recommendation**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the report.**

**3 Background**

- 3.1 Sixteen referrals were reported to the Fraud Team for investigation during the first half of 2013/14, which is the same figure as for the same period last year. The percentage of referrals coming from staff members has increased from 32 per cent for the same period last year to 75 per cent this year. This may be an indication that our fraud education programme is working and staff are now more aware of fraud and how to report it.
- 3.2 Seventeen cases were closed compared to 12 for the same period last year. Of these cases, 13 resulted in police judicial action. There were 23 ongoing investigations at the end of Period 6, and in 13 of these there are suspects either on police caution (three) or awaiting trial at court (10). This again highlights not only the continued close cooperation we have with law enforcement agencies, but also the quality of case work being presented to the courts.
- 3.3 Our proactive fraud prevention work continues and our work to date includes the following:
  - (a) We have completed the planned fraud risk workshops with Crossrail Tier One contractors at their respective sites. A total of 16 workshops were held which helped raise awareness of the fraud risks and counter fraud procedures at Crossrail amongst the contract staff.
  - (b) We have commenced a series of fraud risk workshops to TfL Commercial staff and, to date, four of a planned six workshops have

been held. A total of 136 Commercial staff have attended these workshops and a survey of those who attended the sessions show:

- 81 per cent said their awareness of what fraud looks like has increased as a result of attending a briefing session.
- 97 per cent said they now know how to report suspected fraud within TfL and to whom.
- 96 per cent said they have a better understanding of their role in tackling fraud as a result of attending a session.
- 98 per cent said they found the briefing sessions useful.

There is a strong desire for staff to receive further training regarding anti-fraud within the procurement/contract management process, something we will look at for the programme in 2014/15.

- 3.4 **External Counter Fraud Activity.** We continue to work with other organisations to ensure that TfL is at the leading edge with regards to fraud prevention, detection and investigation. This includes membership of fraud network groups such as the London Fraud Forum and Fraud Advisory Panel as well as continued close liaison with the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau.

**List of appendices to this report:**

None

**List of Background Papers:**

None

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