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<b>HMRC Fraud Forum minutes</b>  <b>Date: 7 December 2020</b>	<b>Venue: via Teams and dial-in only</b>  <b>Time 14:00 – 15:30</b>
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<b>Attendees – HMRC</b>
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Michael Miller - FIS Accountants Agent Lead (Chair)  
 Kathryn Hughes - FIS Policy  
 Wendy Carey – CS&TD TAD  
 Sam Dean – FIS OCW  
 Julie De Brito – CS&TD Agent Policy  
 Anne McGregor - FIS Accountants (Secretariat)  
 Dion Seymour - CS&TD, Business, Assets & International  
 Simon Vaughan- FIS I&B

<b>Guests – Professional Bodies</b>
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Helen Adams (CIOT)  
 Gary Ashford (CIOT)  
 Robert Carington (STEP)  
 Con Kelly (AAT)  
 Gail Mackie (TaxAid)  
 Greg Mailer (TIPG)  
 Gary Rowson (ICAEW)  
 Derek Scott (CIOT)  
 Mark Taylor (TIPG/FLA)  
 Harry Travers (TIPG)  
 Michelle Sloan (FLA)

<b>Apologies / Non-Attendance</b>
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Richard Jackson - DD FIS Proceeds of Crime  
 Joanne Osborne (CCG Strategy)  
 David Stephens (CCG COPS)

Steve Botham (CIOT)  
 Emily Deane (STEP)  
 Mark Fenhalls (FLA)  
 Steven Pinhey (CIOT)  
 Jason Piper (ACCA)  
 Jon Preshaw (CIOT)

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	
	HMRC’s Chair welcomed the group to the meeting and attendees introduced themselves. This meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams and phone dial-in.	The Chair advised the slides would be available with the minutes.
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes &amp; Action Points</b>	
	The Chair noted there were no action points of substance to discuss from the previous meeting from March 2020, other than those already on the agenda.	

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<b>3</b>	<b>Call for evidence: Raising standards in the tax advice market</b>	
	<p>HMRC briefly explained the background to the call for evidence, progress to date and a summary of the reactions. HMRC held 24 round-table discussions and received 83 written responses. The next step was further consultation on some specific areas.</p> <p>Members welcomed ongoing consultation and discussed the findings.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Review of Scope</b>	
	<p>HMRC advised members they are reviewing how they can work more effectively with tax advisers to tackle tax crime and tax fraud. The Fraud Forum has been part of the approach up until now but HMRC was now reviewing its strategy and currently working on proposals.</p> <p>Members discussed the information that was published on investigations and serious tax crime. HMRC provided examples on data that was currently published and said the review would also assess the data that was published.</p> <p>Members were invited to provide further comments after this meeting.</p>	HMRC provided contact details after the meeting.
<b>5</b>	<b>Statement of assets review</b>	
	<p>HMRC thanked members for their previous contributions to the review and explained changes to the forms (Statement of assets and liabilities/ certificate of bank accounts operated/ Certificate of credit cards operated).</p> <p>The aims were to provide a better layout of the forms, bring greater consistency and avoid duplication. The new forms are expected in early 2021.</p> <p>Members discussed how the administration around the documents could be improved and HMRC said they would be happy to continue to work with the forum on these matters.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Crypto assets</b>	
	<p>The Chair explained that HMRC would be speaking about crypto assets at the next meeting. HMRC invited members to get in touch with any questions prior to the next meeting and they would try and address them at the next forum.</p>	Members to send in questions about Crypto assets.
<b>7</b>	<b>COP 9</b>	
	<p>HMRC explained the background that virtual COP9 meetings had been introduced as a temporary policy change because of the COVID pandemic. While face-to-face meetings were still possible there was now also the option of video or audio conference.</p> <p>Members acknowledged HMRC's flexibility during the pandemic regarding the 60-day response time.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	<p>The Chair said that HMRC expected to convene another Teams</p>	

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	meeting around Spring 2021. The agenda will include crypto assets and probably a further COP9 update.	
	<b>Next meeting – Date to be fixed</b>	