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Introduction

1. This document sets out the confirmed work programme and associated scale of fees for the NFI 2020/21 data matching exercise for mandatory participants of the NFI.
2. In accordance with the legislative requirement set out in part 6 and schedule 9 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Cabinet Office conducted a consultation on the NFI 2020/21 work programme and fees in May 2020. The consultation and a summary of the consultation feedback are available to view on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).
3. The final confirmed work programme and fees are set out in the remainder of this document, along with the invoicing arrangements for the forthcoming exercise.

NFI 2020/21 Work Programme

Organisation	Mandatory Dataset Requirement (where data is held by the organisation)	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> London Borough Council Metropolitan Borough Council County Council County Council with Fire Unitary Authority District Council Combined Authorities¹ 	Blue badges	Supplied by Blue Badge Digital Service
	Concessionary travel permits	
	Council tax	Annual data submission
	Council tax reduction scheme	
	Covid-19 grants and payment data	To be determined
	Electoral register	Annual data submission.
	Housing benefits	Supplied by DWP
	Housing tenants	
	Housing waiting list	
	Market trader	Optional data submission
	Payroll	
	Pensions	
	Personal budgets	Date of data collection to be confirmed ²
	Personal alcohol licences	Optional data submission
	Residential care homes	Date of data collection to be confirmed
	Resident parking permits	
	Right to buy	
	Students eligible for a loan	Supplied by SLC
	Taxi driver licences	
	Trade creditors' payment history	
Trade creditors' standing		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passenger Transport Executive Transport for London Greater London Authority 	Concessionary travel permits	
	Payroll	
	Pensions	
	Residents parking permits	
	Trade creditors' payment history	
	Trade creditors' standing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police Fire and Rescue Authority Waste Authority 	Payroll	
	Pensions	
	Trade creditors' payment history	
	Trade creditors' standing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pension Authority 	Pensions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical Commissioning Group NHS Trust Foundation Trust 	Payroll	
	Pensions	
	Trade creditors' payment history	
	Trade creditors' standing	

¹ Only payroll and trade creditor data is mandatory for Combined Authorities, however any other data held can be submitted on an optional basis.

² The collection of Residential Care Home and Personal Budget Data will be put on hold until further notice. Due to amendments made to the National Health Service Act 2006 this data is now classified as patient data. As a result we are considering whether we need to seek a change to our data matching powers before we can release these matches to local authorities. We will therefore postpone collecting the data until this is concluded.

Confirmed NFI 2020/21 Fees

Organisation type	NFI 2020/21 Standard Fee £	NFI 2020/21 Penalty Fee ³ £	NFI 2020/21 Uplifted Fee ⁴ £
London Borough Council	4,200	210	4,410
Metropolitan Borough Council	4,200	210	4,410
Unitary authority	3,900	195	4,095
County Council	3,800	190	3,990
County Council (with fire)	4,375	219	4,594
District Council	2,450	123	2,573
Pension Authority	2,400	120	2,520
Combined Authority	1,200	60	1,260
Passenger Transport Executive	1,200	60	1,260
Transport for London	1,200	60	1,260
Police⁵	1,200	60	1,260
Fire and Rescue Authority	1,150	58	1,208
Waste Regulation or Disposal Authority	1,150	58	1,208
Greater London Authority	1,150	58	1,208
NHS trust	1,150	58	1,208
Clinical Commissioning group	1,150	58	1,208
Foundation Trust	1,150	58	1,208

³ A 5% penalty fee may be levied for late or inaccurate data submissions

⁴ Includes the standard NFI fee plus the penalty fee

⁵ Both police and crime commissioners and police chief constables are mandatory participants. A fee will be charged to the police body in each area which will submit data on behalf of both bodies.

Invoicing Arrangements

4. The NFI is run over a two year period, so the NFI 2020/21 work programme and scale of fees covers the two financial years 2020/21 and 2021/22. To avoid duplicating administration, mandatory participants will be billed in one instalment around February 2021.
5. Any penalty fees levied for late or inaccurate data submissions will be confirmed prior to invoicing. Participants will receive one invoice which will include the NFI fee, plus the penalty fee where applicable.
6. Participants will be able to specify details of invoicing arrangements such as contact addresses and purchase order information on the NFI web application.
7. HMRC ruled in July 2011 that data matching is a non-business activity for VAT purposes. As a result VAT is not charged on the NFI invoices issued to participants.