

Monday 9th March 2015, 1.00 pm

**United Kingdom Fraud Costs Measurement Committee**

Experian  
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London  
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**1. Attendance and apologies**

**In attendance:**

Mr Jim Gee (Chair)	PKF Littlejohn
Professor Mark Button	University of Portsmouth
Professor Graham Brooks	University of Wolverhampton
Nick Mothershaw	Experian
Paddy Baker	Secure
Richard Davis	AXA UK
Serj Hallam	Experian
Simon Fitzgerald	CIFAS
Barry Brennan (dialled in)	National Hunter
Dean Blackburn	University of Portsmouth

**Apologies:**

Rachel Tiffen	CIPFA
Mark Cheeseman	Cabinet Office
Ian Withers	Head of Governance, London Borough of Croydon
Geoff Eales	Charity Commission
Oliver May	Oxfam
Laura Davies	British Retail Consortium

JG opened the first meeting by reflecting on the history of events, along with the importance of this committee and expressed his appreciation for everyone's commitment to this project, those both present and absent. JG went on to discuss that fraud loss measurement started in this country with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). JG stressed the importance of having a 'number' and knowing what losses are and by doing this via

measurement. JG further discussed methodologies are not always credible, therefore important to get this right, thus ensuring any work done is both reputable and credible.

NS expressed Experian willing to fund and support this measure in return for first place on publicity.

2. MB presented the draft terms of reference for the UKFCMC and they were agreed by all present.
  
3. MB tabled the proposed methodology for conducting the Fraud Indicator. He talked briefly about past measurement exercises, and reiterated JG's proposal of focusing on high quality measurement. MB introduced members to the Gold, Silver, Bronze, and White proposed method of ranking measures, before giving a number of examples under these headings. MB stressed an importance of 'airing on the side of caution' thus underestimating rather than over estimating any estimates. MB then outlined how the committee would assess the data and how this would be presented at the next meeting.

JG opened debate to the table as to whether there were any comments regarding the methodology. After some discussion members of the committee unanimously agreed to the proposed methodology.

4. JG discussed arrangements for next meeting to which Experian kindly agreed to host again.
  
5. JG put it to members about the planning of a next meeting. MB suggested a half day meeting in either the late Spring or Summer (2015) in order to go through the data, whilst NS suggested September. RD suggested later in the year as being more preferable in order to further promote credibility and transparency to findings. It was agreed there would be a meeting in the early Summer to assess the data, followed by another in September to finalise the report. The first report would then be published in the Autumn.
  
6. MB proposed creating a Website for the work of the committee and this was agreed. This would include a brief biography and photograph of the member. It was also agreed there should be an official launch of the committee and its work in late Spring to secure publicity for the project.

#### **Date and venue of next meeting**

Date TBC, Experian, London.