

## Birmingham City Council

### Public Report

**Report to:** AUDIT COMMITTEE

**Report of:** SERVICE DIRECTOR CUSTOMER SERVICES

**Subject:** RISK BASED VERIFICATION FOR HOUSING BENEFIT AND  
COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT CLAIMS

**Wards Affected:** All

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider the recommendation that the Council continues with the Risk Based Verification (RBV) framework. This stipulates the level of information that is required to support new claims for Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support and also changes in circumstance.
- 1.2 To consider the recommendation that the Council extends the framework to allow for the electronic submission of evidence for .

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The purpose is that Birmingham continues with risk based verification in 2016/17 but enhances the policy to allow for the electronic submission of evidence for medium risk claims.
- 2.2 Resultant recommendations are also included with in the private report.

**3. LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 Legal and resource implications are included in the private report.

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT AND EQUALITY ANALYSIS ISSUES**

4.1 Risk management issues are included in the private report.

4.2 There are no equality issues to report.

**5. COMPLIANCE ISSUES**

5.1 There are no compliance issues to report

**6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 Included in the private report.

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