

NWIFCA Quarterly Meeting: 19th March 2026

REPORT NO.
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DATA PROTECTION AUDIT

Purpose: For members' information.

Recommendations: The report is received.

1. Background

We appointed a Data Protection Officer (DPO) through Blackpool Council in October last year and he then conducted an audit of our data protection policies and procedures in view of our compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and other associated legislation.

The resultant report is included as an appendix for members' reference and consideration. The report sets out a series of recommendations¹ from our DPO as to actions we can take to improve our data protection. These recommendations have been agreed with me and of Head of Administration, Alison Nicholson, with the aim of implementing all of them over the next few months.

Mark Taylor, North Western IFCA CEO, 11th March 2026

¹ See Section 5 pages 11 and 12.