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Dear Mr. Rughes

## Wirral Borough Council Referral - Enterprise Solutions and the Intensive Start Up Scheme

I write in order to provide you with an update in terms of the complaint made to Merseyside Police in relation to allegations of fraud identified by Independent Auditors, Grant Thornton, following a review of the Intensive Start Up Scheme, managed by Enterprise Solutions.

Based on the information available, Merseyside Police have conducted a proportionate investigation in order to identify criminal activity and secondly to assess the viability of prosecuting those responsible, should criminal behaviour be exposed.

This investigation has revealed no clear evidence of criminality. Furthermore, it has highlighted a distinct lack of, what would be described as, key and significant evidence in the form of the Customer Relationship Management System (C.R.M.S.). The absence of this material would make an investigation into these matters extremely difficult and it has to be said that professional judgement would suggest any prosecution would be flawed from the outset.

It is, therefore, with regret that in the absence of any further information, no further action will be taken in respect of this case. I would, however, like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your openness and assistance during this enquiry.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Carr

**Detective Superintendent** 

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