FURNITURE BARGAINING COUNCIL

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TO ALL EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

(Employers and Employees in All Areas)

CYBERSECURITY INCIDENT – PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

The Furniture Bargaining Council recently experienced a cybersecurity incident affecting parts of its computer environment. Certain servers were encrypted and the affected environment was isolated, recovered and rebuilt with specialist IT assistance.

An external third party has since claimed to have accessed and extracted information held by the Council. However, at this stage, the Council could not independently verify those claims and the investigation into whether personal information was in actual fact accessed or acquired remains ongoing.

This preliminary notification is issued as a precaution and in the interests of transparency. The Council is not presently in a position to confirm that the personal information of any particular establishment or employee has been compromised.

The Council continues to investigate the matter and to strengthen its technical and security measures. Establishments and employees are meanwhile requested to remain alert to suspicious emails, calls or messages and to verify any unexpected request for personal, banking or login information through the Council's normal contact channels.

A further update will be issued should the investigation establish material verified information requiring further communication.

Kindly ensure that all provisions of this Circular are complied with. Please contact the Council's Inspectorate Department should you require any additional information or clarity regarding this Circular.

Please do not contact any junior staff members of the Council for any additional information or clarity regarding this Circular.

A COPY OF THIS CIRCULAR MUST BE DISPLAYED ON YOUR ESTABLISHMENT'S NOTICE BOARD

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