

Local Government Transparency Code

Corporate Fraud – 01.04.2017 to 31.03.2018

Since 1 May 2015 responsibility for investigating allegations of Housing Benefit Fraud was transferred to the Single Fraud Investigations Service, namely the DWP.

From this date, general corporate fraud and error cases (Housing Fraud / Right to Buy / Business Rates evasion / Procurement fraud / Grant fraud / Licensing fraud / GTHC applications forms/Blue Badges/some Ctax SPD/LCTR) is now undertaken by the Corporate Fraud Team office covering East Suffolk.

Information which must be published		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of occasions powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) have been used 	21	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of occasions similar powers have been used (Social Security Fraud Act) 	None – DWP related only	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of occasions similar powers have been used (Proceeds of Crime Act) 	9	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total number of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud 	Investigator(s) 3.4 Investigator(s) 3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total number of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists 	£150,000	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total amount spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud 	98	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total number of fraud cases investigated 		
Information recommended for publication		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total number of cases of irregularity investigated 	35	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total number of occasions on which a) fraud and b) irregularity was identified 	Fraud – 25 Irregularity – 35	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total monetary value of a) the fraud and b) the irregularity that was detected 	Fraud – (notional) =£465,000 Irregularity – (potential) = £6,500	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total monetary value of a) the fraud and b) the irregularity that was recovered 	Unable to report Unable to report	