

Local Government Transparency Code

East Suffolk Council Corporate Fraud – 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024

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

From this date, any other fraud and error cases are investigated by the Corporate Fraud Team covering all areas of East Suffolk Council. Revenues/Benefits/Council Tax investigations are covered by Anglia Revenues Partnership.

Information which must be published.

- Number of occasions powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) have been used 4
- Number of occasions similar powers have been used (Social Security Fraud Act) None – DWP related only
- Number of occasions similar powers have been used (Proceeds of Crime Act) 2
- Total number of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud Investigator(s) 4 staff (3.8 Full Time Equivalents)
- Total number of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists Investigator(s) 4 staff (3.8 Full Time Equivalents)
- Total amount spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud £233,931 including oncosts from other Service Areas

Information recommended for publication

- Total number of fraud cases investigated 255 fraud and irregularity cases have been investigated by the Corporate Fraud Team
- Total number of cases of irregularity investigated Not recorded separately
- Total number of occasions on which
 - a) Fraud 44
 - b) Irregularity was identified Irregularity – not recorded separately

- Total monetary value of
 - a) Fraud £1,985,554.
 - b) Irregularity was identified Not recorded separately
 - c) Irregularity that was detected Not recorded separately

- Total monetary value of the a) the fraud and b) the irregularity that was recovered
 - a) Not recorded separately
 - b) Not recorded separately