

## Local Government Transparency Code

### East Suffolk Council Corporate Fraud – 01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021

Responsibility for investigating allegations of Housing Benefit Fraud was transferred to the Single Fraud Investigations Service, namely the DWP, on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 and Benefits 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 17
- 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) 5
- Total number of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud Investigator(s) 4 absolute, 3.4 FTE
- Total number of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists Investigator(s) 3 absolute and FTE
- Total amount spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud £187,000 (including oncosts)

#### Information recommended for publication

- Total number of fraud cases investigated 93
- Total number of cases of irregularity investigated 20
- Total number of occasions on which
  - a) Fraud Fraud – 53
  - b) Irregularity was identified Irregularity – not recorded separately

- Total monetary value of
  - a) Fraud
  - b) Irregularity that was detected

Fraud – (Est potential value)  
=£1,899,521.58  
Irregularity -not recorded separately

- Total monetary value of a) the fraud and b) the irregularity that was recovered

a) Unable to report  
b) Unable to report