

Local Government Transparency Code

East Suffolk Council Corporate Fraud – 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022

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 11
- 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) 14
- Total number of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud Investigator(s) 3.4
- Total number of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists Investigator(s) 3
- Total amount spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud £218,000 (including oncosts for other service areas)

Information recommended for publication

- Total number of fraud cases investigated 180 (includes 64 RTB)
- Total number of cases of irregularity investigated Not recorded separately
- Total number of occasions on which
 - a) Fraud Fraud – 40 (includes 12 RTB)
 - b) Irregularity was identified Irregularity – not recorded separately

- Total monetary value of

- a) Fraud

Fraud – (Qualitative value) =
£2,163,007. (Includes Right to Buy
potential value)

- 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) Unable to report as unknown

- b) Unable to report as unknown