**Local Government Transparency Code**

# Counter Fraud Information 2020/21

This information relates to all fraud investigations including employee, social housing and council tax relief / discounts.

**Number of occasions powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 201432, or similar powers, used.**

No requests have been made under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 201432 during the period.

**Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud.**

| Absolute | 15 |
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| FTE | 14.32 |

Employees as at 31st March 2021.

**Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists.**

| Absolute | 14 |
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| FTE | 13.5 |

Employees as at 31st March 2020 who held the PINS (Professionalism in Security), CCIP (CIPFA Certificate in Investigative Practice) or ACFS (Accredited Counter Fraud Specialist) qualification.

**Total amount spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud.**

£701,000 total direct salary costs (rounded to nearest £1,000).

**Total number of fraud cases investigated.**

1952 investigations across all sources and types.