

Fraud – Annual 2014/15 information

Number of occasions powers used under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) Regulations 2014, or similar powers	Nil
Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud	In April 2014 Fenland Council joined the Anglia Revenues Partnership to include the following partners, Breckland District Council, Forest Heath District Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council and St Edmundsbury Council in the investigation of fraud. A staff selection process was then undertaken. From October 2014 the investigation of fraud was carried out by all fraud officers employed within the partnership.
Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists	6.2FTE
Total amount spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud	Not recorded
Total number of fraud cases investigated	124

Supporting Notes

1. The Council has not used powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) regulations 2014 or similar powers as the Council does not hold any housing stock.
2. The Council is part of a Local Authority Revenues and Benefits Partnership consisting of seven partners. Their total employees across the Partnership undertaking investigations and prosecutions for fraud is reported, plus the equivalent fte for this Council.
3. The Council is part of a Local Authority Revenues and Benefits Partnership consisting of four partners. Their total employees across the Partnership who are professionally accredited counter fraud specialists is reported, plus the equivalent fte for this Council.
4. The amount spent by the Council on the investigation and prosecution of fraud is included within the overall cost the Council pays to the Partnership.
5. This represents the number of fraud cases referred for investigation not the number of investigations which resulted in a sanction being applied.