**Local Government Transparency Code**

Counter Fraud Work

The Local Government Transparency Code requires local authorities to publish information about their Counter Fraud work .

EFFECTIVE DATE March 2024

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| **INFORMATION** | **COUNTER FRAUD GROUP** |
| Number of occasions powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014, or similar powers have been used | **11** |
| Total number and full time equivalent of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud | **7** |
| Total number and full time equivalent of professionally Accredited Counter Fraud Specialists:  Graduate Counter Fraud Specialist  Accredited Counter Fraud Specialist  Certificate in Investigative Practice | **7**  **1**  **4**  **2** |
| Total amount spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud | **Budget 23/24**  **£539,862** |
| Total number of fraud cases investigated | **658** |

Information provided covers 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 inclusive unless stated otherwise.

More frequent/detailed information on Counter Fraud Work is reported quarterly to the Audit and Standards Committee. Minutes are available at: <https://modgov.lbbd.gov.uk/internet/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=785&Year=0&loggedin=true>