**Counter-Fraud for data transparency**

S43 of the Local Government Transparency Code 2014 requires local authorities to publish information about their counter fraud work.

**Number of occasions powers were used under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014, or similar powers**

* Internal Audit Not used
* Revenues Not used
* Benefits Not Used
* Housing Not used

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

* Internal Audit Not used
* Benefits 1 Fraud Investigator and 0.5 Fraud Support Officer (1.5 FTE)
* Head of Legal Services Authorising prosecutions (0.01 FTE)

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

* Internal Audit None
* Benefits 1.5 FTE
* Housing None

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

* Revenues c. £5k (Review of NFI reports and Council Tax Single Person Review)

* Benefits c. £67k (staff time and legal costs)
* Legal Services c. £2,000 ( authorisation of prosecutions)

**Total number of fraud cases investigated**

The figures below are for the period 1/4/15 to 31/3/16

* Revenues

From the February 2014 NFI reports, Council Tax Single Person Discount leads were reviewed. This resulted in 11 cases being referred for investigation.

From the Council Tax Single Person Discount reviewed resulted in 47 in having their Council Tax notices altered - however, these were not formal ‘fraud’ investigations.

* Housing Benefit

& Council Tax Support 144

* Legal Services 14 (Sanctions and prosecutions approved)