

Under the code the Council is required to publish the following data regarding its Fraud Investigation activity. Details for 2024/25 up to 28 February 2025, with 2023/24 full year comparative figures, are shown below.

· Accredited number of occasions they use powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014, or similar powers		
	24/25 To 28/02/25	23/24 Full Year
Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014	7	5
The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Detection of Fraud and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013	1	6
· Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud		
	Absolute	FTE
Fraud Investigation - SWLFP Pooled Resource	15 (15)	14.5 (14.5)
· Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists		
Government Counter Fraud Profession (GCFP)	15 (n/a)	14.5 (n/a)
· Total amount spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud		
	24/25	23/24
Other Fraud Investigation	£154.1k	£151.1k
	To 28/02/25	Full Year
· Total number of fraud cases investigated.		
Right to Buy	49	13
Council Tax Reduction/SPD	9	10
Housing/Tenancy related investigations	101	87
Permit Fraud Investigation	50	0
Other Investigations	<u>25</u>	<u>15</u>
TOTAL	234	125