

## TRANSPARENCY CODE DATA 2020/21 – FRAUD

### Number of occasions they use powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014, or similar powers

NIL (The Council is not a social landlord as its housing stock has previously been transferred to a social provider)

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

Absolute 1 and FTE 0.5

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

Absolute 1 and FTE 0.5  
(PINS trained in Benefits)

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

£13,520.50

### Total number of fraud cases investigated.

NIL (The Fraud investigation service has transferred to the DWP Single Fraud Investigation Service.)

There were 9 fraud referrals made to the DWP during the period 01/04/20 – 31/03/21.

In addition, the Council has an Internal Audit Unit (currently outsourced to Mersey Internal Audit Agency), to which any cases of suspected fraud are reported and these are investigated on an ad-hoc basis. Internal Audit investigated 0 allegations during 2020/21.