

## Transparency Code 01<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 – Fraud – Suffolk County Council

Transparency Code 2017 – Fraud – Suffolk County Council			
The Transparency Code requires the annual publication of data relating to the Council's counter-fraud work		<b>Corporate Fraud</b>	
	Mandatory Publication Level	01 <sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Notes – Additional Information
a	Number of occasions that powers have been used under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014, or similar powers.	0	The PSHF Regulations are not relevant for this County Council
b	Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud.	a) 3.0 b) 2.08	a) Absolute b) fte  a) 3 members of Internal Audit & Counter Fraud Services have carried out fraud-related work in some form during this period (proactive exercises to identify fraud, National Fraud Initiative, fraud awareness training, investigations and prosecutions)  b) Time spent by this staff equated to 2.08 full time equivalents productive time.
c	Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists.	a) 2 b) 2	a) Absolute b) fte  1-CIPFA Certificate in Investigative Practice

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			1-Accredited Counter Fraud Specialist
d	Total amount spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud.	£184.3K	Total costs, including on-costs and overheads, attributable to fraud work, including proactive fraud prevention and detection exercises, raising fraud awareness as well as investigations and prosecutions (Internal Audit & Counter Fraud Service costs).
e	Total number of fraud cases investigated	40	Total number of potential frauds reported in 2023/24 and then investigated in some form.