



## East Northamptonshire Council Fraud Statistics

01.04.15 to 31.03.16

Metric	Council Tax discount fraud see note #	Council Tax Support & Housing Benefits Fraud see note ~	Procurement Fraud	Internal Fraud	Mandate Fraud	Business rates fraud	Grants fraud	TOTALS
Number of occasions we use our powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information (England) regulations 2014 or similar powers)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total ABSOLUTE number of employees who have undertaken investigations and prosecutions of fraud	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total FTE number of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
Total ABSOLUTE number of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total FTE number of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
Total amount spent on the investigation and prosecution of fraud	0	£30,692	0	0	0	£0	0	£30,692
<b>Total number of fraud cases investigated</b>	0	106	0	0	0	0	0	106

### Notes

~ Housing Benefit Fraud: From the 1st December 2015, the responsibility for investigating Housing Benefit Fraud transferred from ENC to the DWP. From that time any suspected Benefit Fraud cases with a DWP interest are referred to them for investigation. DWP do not investigate cases where the overpayment is potentially under £2,000. Therefore the number of referrals may be smaller than in previous years.

# Council Tax Fraud: For the financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17 East Northants Council is participating in a countywide project that will review all Council Tax Single Person Discount cases by matching information with Equifax data to detect fraudulently claimed discounts. The two year review is funded by Northamptonshire County Council and carried out and managed by Local Government Shared Service at Northampton who also provide all the resources to carry out the project. No figures will be available until the end of the project.

East Northamptonshire Council has robust processes in place to minimise the occurrences of fraud.