

## Counter Fraud Data

### Counter Fraud information for the period of 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Number of occasions that Stevenage Borough Council used powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014, or similar powers. (This includes Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support fraud)	Nil. The Council is a Partner to the Hertfordshire Shared Anti-Fraud Service and use the National Anti-Fraud Network to conduct such enquiries on their behalf.
Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud	2.5 FTE
Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists	2.5 FTE
Total amount spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud	£145,080 (includes salary cost of seconded officer)
Total number of fraud cases investigated	38 cases investigated and closed in year, a further 25 cases of irregularity investigated, and 41 cases still live at year end.
Total number of cases of irregularity investigated	See 7 above
Total number of occasions on which (a) fraud and (b) the irregularity that was detected	25 cases identified fraud
Total monetary value of (a) the fraud and (b) the irregularity that was detected	£195,000 of fraud loss/savings identified in year (a further £457,000 of estimated fraud loss was under investigation at year end) and £133,000 from Council Tax Review.

Total monetary value of (a) the fraud and (b) the irregularity that was recovered

Not recorded