

Counter Fraud Data

Counter Fraud information for the period of 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

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	£107,707K (Shared Anti-Fraud Service fee) and Fraud-Hub fee
Total number of fraud cases investigated	39 cases investigated and closed in year
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	23 occasions where fraud/irregularity identified
Total monetary value of (a) the fraud and (b) the irregularity that was detected	Reactive. £273K fraud losses reported, £250K fraud prevented.
Total monetary value of (a) the fraud and (b) the irregularity that was recovered	Not recorded separately