

Appendix 1 - Counter Fraud & Investigation Directorate
 Southend-on-Sea Borough Council Case Summary to February 2017

Case Status	Fraud Type				
	Housing Tenancy Fraud	Council Tax	Blue Badge	Other	Total

NB: Responsibility for investigating all Housing Benefit fraud transferred to the DWP on 2 November 2015. The Council no longer has any involvement in investigating benefit fraud.

Directorate Case Load					
Total Fraud Allegations Received (Between 01/04/16 – 10/03/17)	53	137	120	39	349
Under investigation**	15	5	66	9	95
Closed**	22	7	94	52	175

****These Figures represent the status of investigations conducted by the Directorate that commenced during 2015/16 but also those received in previous years but concluded in 2015/16.**

Outcomes Achieved					
Formal Caution	0	1	16	5	22
Prosecution Action	1	1	0	6	8
Tenancy Property Recovered	17	N/A	N/A	N/A	17
Right to Buy Closed	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
Blue Badge Recovered	N/A	N/A	8	N/A	8
Warning Issued	0	0	46	1	47
Disciplinary Action	0	N/A	0	0	0
No Further Action	51	4	20	91	166

Value of Proven Fraud re Closed Investigations

Prosecution	Formal Caution	Other Fraud Savings ¹	Properties Recovered
£142,864	£30,070	£250,211	17
Right to Buy Fraud Savings ¹	Tenancy Fraud Savings ¹	Money Recovered ²	TOTAL³
£0	306,000	£123,181	£729,145

¹ Money saved by the Council through preventative action by the Counter Fraud & Investigation Directorate

² Money recovered from criminals by the Counter Fraud & Investigation Directorate

³ Total loss figure to the Council