

## Appendix 1 - Counter Fraud & Investigation Directorate Southend Borough Council Case Summary to December 2016

	Fraud Type				
Case Status	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 – 06/12/16)	45	132	87	13	<b>277</b>
Under investigation**	41	128	68	10	<b>247</b>
Closed**	4	4	19	3	<b>30</b>

**\*\*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	9	3	1	4	<b>17</b>
Prosecution Action	8	2	3	9	<b>22</b>
Tenancy Property Recovered	14	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>14</b>
Right to Buy Closed	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>0</b>
Blue Badge Recovered	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	<b>1</b>
Warning Issued	3	1	43	1	<b>48</b>
Disciplinary Action	0	0	0	2	<b>2</b>
No Further Action	33	47	6	38	<b>124</b>

### Value of Proven Fraud re Closed Investigations

Prosecution	Formal Caution	Other Fraud Savings <sup>1</sup>	Properties Recovered
<b>£43,669</b>	<b>£12,597</b>	<b>£24,295</b>	<b>14</b>
Right to Buy Fraud Savings <sup>1</sup>	Tenancy Fraud Savings <sup>1</sup>	Money Recovered <sup>2</sup>	<b>TOTAL<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>£0</b>	<b>£252,000</b>	<b>£123,181</b>	<b>£332,561</b>

<sup>1</sup> Money saved by the Council through preventative action by the Counter Fraud Directorate

<sup>2</sup> Money recovered from criminals by the Counter Fraud Directorate

<sup>3</sup> Total loss figure to the Council