

HELP US STOP FRAUD



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Please Contact Us

**The Corporate Fraud
Investigation Team**

on **01702 215254**
during office hours

the **24 hour Report Line** on
01702 215215
where you can leave a message

Or e-mail on
counterfraud@southend.gov.uk

Arrangements can be made to discuss your
concerns with us in the strictest confidence.

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**We are committed to fighting
fraud and corruption.**

ACT upon your suspicions

**MAKE an immediate note of
your concerns**

**CONTACT us as soon as
possible**

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Do you know fraud costs every adult in the UK **£765** every year?

That includes you!

FRAUD IS NOT A VICTIMLESS CRIME

Victims of fraud, particularly the most vulnerable people in our society, suffer serious emotional trauma as well as financial loss.

In the public sector, every **£** lost to fraud is a **£** of your money that is not available to provide services to our local community.

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WE SEE FRAUD AS:

Giving us false information or withholding information to obtain:

- Benefits or Grants of any kind
- Exemptions or relief from paying the full council or business rates
- A council property when you are not entitled to it

Letting someone else live in your council property

Offering gifts, hospitality or payments in order to try to gain an advantage when:

- Applying for planning or building development approval
- Applying for a licence of any kind
- Bidding for work

Using Blue Car Park Badges when not travelling with the person they are allocated to

Making an insurance claim for:

- Incidents that did not occur
- Injuries that were not sustained

Asking to be paid for:

- Work not done or already paid for
- Better quality material than was actually used on the job

Fixing the price quoted for work we want delivered, so we pay more than we should be

Calling in sick when you are not

Stealing our property or assets from us or using them inappropriately



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