

## Appendix 4: Status Report, Housing Tenancy Fraud Project

	Requirement	Current Status
<b>Registered Social Landlord Engagement</b>		
1	“Sign-up” 5 Housing Associations to Joint Working Arrangements with the Counter Fraud & Investigation Directorate (the Directorate).	<p>Refer item 5 in Appendix 3.</p> <p>A standard Service Level Agreement has been produced that sets out the counter fraud and investigation service that could be bought by Registered Housing Providers from the Directorate should this be approved by Thurrock Council's Cabinet as the host authority.</p> <p>This is with Head of Legal Services at Thurrock Council for comment and sign off.</p>
<b>Anti-Fraud Accreditation Training</b>		
2	Train and accredit at least one member of staff from each of the 5 Housing Associations.	This work cannot take place with Registered Housing Providers until Service Level Agreements are in place.
3	Train at least five members of staff from South Essex Homes under the same scheme.	Proposed training dates have been provided to South Essex Homes to book its staff on to. It is anticipated that at least 5 members of staff will be trained and accredited by 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2015.
<b>Property Recoveries</b>		
4	Recover at least 7 social housing properties from the investigations by 31 March 2015.	<p>Five properties identified as being involved in fraud have been recovered to date.</p> <p>The statutory 28 day ‘cooling off’ period for vacating a tenancy are due to expire by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 for 6 other properties under investigation for fraud.</p>

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<b>Successful Legal Proceedings</b>		
5	Obtain at least 2 'Unlawful Profit Orders' from the investigations.	<p>Work is underway on five cases where Proceeds of Crime Act and Unlawful Profit Orders will be pursued.</p> <p>The papers have been submitted to Legal Services with instructions to apply to the Court for the Unlawful Profit Orders for these cases.</p> <p>Court dates are scheduled for August 2015 so it is anticipated that these Orders will be made at Court by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015.</p>