

Counter Fraud Statement

The Local Government Transparency Code 2015 requires the Combined Authority to publish information about their counter fraud work.

The definition of fraud is set out by the Audit Commission as “*an intentional false representation, including failure to declare information or abuse position that is carried out to make gain, cause loss or expose another to risk of loss*”.

In accordance with paragraph 35 of the Local Government Transparency Code 2015, the following statement is made in relation to the financial year 2023/24:

Information required to be published	Response
Number of occasions that powers were used under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014, or similar powers	Not applicable to the Combined Authority
Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud	One
Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists	None
Total amount spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud	£0
Total number of fraud cases investigated	Seven