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# Corporate fraud data

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A culture of transparency and scrutiny increases democratic accountability and helps strengthen counter fraud controls. The tables below provide fraud related information for the financial year April 2022 to March 2023, in accordance with the local government transparency code.

## Employees

Total number of full time employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud	Total number of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists	Minimum qualification held
3	3	Accredited counter fraud specialist

It should be noted that Blackpool Council also employs a corporate investigations officer to undertake impartial internal disciplinary and grievance investigations. Dependant on workload, this officer may contribute to the undertaking of proactive fraud work.

The corporate fraud and investigations team is managed by the head of audit and risk.

## Spending

Description	Amount
Total amount spent on the investigation and prosecution of fraud and error	£171,059

## Fraud and error statistics

Cases brought forward from 2021/2022	Referrals received in 2022/2023	Cases closed as fraud proven	Cases closed as error	Cases closed as no fraud or error identified	Value of fraud and error identified	Cases carried forward to 2023/2024
5617	459	8	261	5758	£166,625.73	49

It should be noted that powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) Regulations 2014 have not been used, as this is the responsibility of [Blackpool Coastal Housing](#).

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