

Appendix D – Quarterly report on Audit and Counter Fraud work

INCOME AND SAVINGS ACROSS THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24

Areas of savings	QUARTER ONE		QUARTER TWO		QUARTER THREE		QUARTER FOUR		YEAR TOTAL	
	Income	Savings	Income	Savings	Income	Savings	Income	Savings	Income	Savings
Tenancy Housing										
Recovery of council properties	0	0	0	£93,000.00	0	£186,000	0	0	0	£279,000
Right To Buy value saved through intervention	0	£192,650.00	0	£96,325.00	0	£262,000	0	0	0	£550,975
Housing intervention/fraud	0	0	0	£12,000.00	0	0	0	0	0	£12,000
Rent in advance loan debt recovery	£2,673.43	0	£2,426.41	0	£2,799.22	0			£7,899.06	
Revenues										
National Non Domestic Rates	0	0	£15,210.97	0	0	0	0	0	£15,210.97	0
Council Tax	£10,957.79	0	£5,398.04	0	£12,138.19	0	0	0	£28,494.02	0
Value of ongoing Council Tax increase per week	0	£4,068.48	0	£4,296.64	0	£3,678.40	0	0	0	£12,043.52
Council Tax Penalties	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CTR & Housing Benefit										
Council Tax Reduction	£11,017.64	0	£5,297.69	0	£4,468.51	0	0	0	£20,783.84	0
Council Tax Reduction weekly incorrect benefit	0	£9,412.80	0	£6,609.60	0	£3,965.76	0	0	0	£19,988.16
Housing Benefit	£21,771.63	0	£37,199.95	0	£7,363.69	0	0	0	£66,335.27	0
Housing Benefit weekly incorrect benefit	0	£11,992.64	0	£17,696.32	0	£5,495.68	0	0	0	£35,184.64
Income from Administrative penalty collection	£100.57	0	£73.56	0	£47.57	0	0	0	£221.70	0
National Fraud Initiative										
Overpayments identified	£17,145.29	0	£10,809.08	0	£3,820.83	0	0	0	£31,775.20	0
Weekly incorrect benefit identified	0	£19,751.42	0	£11,558.14	0	£8,193.28	0	0	0	£39,502.84
TOTALS	£63,666.35	£237,875.34	£76,415.70	£241,485.70	£30,638.01	£469,333.12	0	0	£170,720.06	£948,694.16
Cost of Counter Fraud team	£28,918.02		£27,015.84		£36,601.65				£92,535.51	
% total of income and savings	9.59%		8.50%		£7.32%				8.27%	

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Explanation of Savings Recorded	
Tenancy Housing	
Recovery of council properties	Value of £93k per returned property based on NFI estimate
Right To Buy value saved through intervention	Value based on the discount saved for each withdrawn application (varies)
Housing intervention/fraud	Value based on an estimate of emergency placement costs £12k or removal from housing waiting list £3,400
Revenues	
National Non Domestic Rates	Value based on the outstanding liable bills now due following Counter-Fraud intervention
Council Tax	Value based on the outstanding liable bills now due following Counter-Fraud intervention
Value of ongoing Council Tax increase per week	Estimate of the amount saved based on a calculation of the length of undetected fraud - 32 weeks
Council Tax Penalties	Value of £70 or £280 penalty added to Council Tax Bill where discount/exemption fraud is found
CTR & Housing Benefit	
Council Tax Reduction	Value based on the re-assessment of entitlement following Counter-Fraud intervention
Council Tax Reduction weekly incorrect benefit	Weekly incorrect benefit - estimate of the amount saved based on the length of undetected fraud - 32 weeks
Housing Benefit	Value based on the re-assessment of entitlement following Counter-Fraud intervention
Housing Benefit weekly incorrect benefit	Weekly incorrect benefit - estimate of the amount saved based on the length of undetected fraud - 32 weeks
Income from Administrative penalty collection	The amount collected from Administrative Penalties following Dep for Work and Pension investigation
NFI	
Overpayments identified	Value of any overpayments detected in this quarter
Weekly incorrect benefit identified	Weekly incorrect benefit - estimate of the amount saved based on the length of undetected fraud - 32 weeks