

Appendix 2 – Housing Tenancy Fraud Caseload Analysis 2017/18 vs 2016/17

Housing Tenancy Fraud Case Referrals	April 2017 to March 2018	April 2016 to March 2017
Housing tenancy fraud referrals received in current year	51	51
Right to buy referrals received in current year	23	40
Housing application referrals received in current year	13	74
Cases carried forward from previous year (all disciplines)	23	44
Total	110	209
Cases/referrals currently under investigation	14	23
Cases/referrals closed with no further action ¹	59	143
Cases with Comptroller & City Solicitor for prosecution	3	4
Cases with Comptroller & City Solicitor for civil recovery	3	3
Cases with City Police for Financial Investigation	2	0
Cases where possession order granted	0	3
Cases where successful possession gained ²	16	17
Cases where successful prosecution action taken	1	2
Cases where fraudulent application identified	5	9
Right to buy fraud successfully identified	7	5
Total	110	209
Value where successful possession gained, housing application cancelled or right to buy fraud identified ³	£1,134,000	£1,019,000
Notes: ¹ The number of cases/referrals closed during 2016/17 with no further action include housing application AppCheck referrals, where a large number are expected to proceed, following review. These closed referrals amount to 65 for 2016/17. NFI AppCheck referrals are not included for 2017/18 ² Cases where successful possession has been gained will be considered for criminal action where suitable, and where offences committed are serious enough to warrant proceedings under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud Act 2013 and/ or the Fraud Act 2006. ³ Successful possession gained value of £18,000 per property sourced from Audit Commission value of national average temporary accommodation costs to Local Authorities for one family. RTB discount value £103,000 - 2016/17, per property. £108,000 - 2017/18, per property.		