**Local Government Transparency Code – Counter Fraud Activity for RBK 2018/19**

Under the code the Council is required to publish the following data regarding its Fraud Investigation activity. Listed below are 2018/19 figures to 30 September (with 2017/18 comparative figures shown within brackets)

* Accredited number of occasions they use powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014, or similar powers

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|  | 18/19 | (17/18) |
| Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014 | 12 | (8) |
| The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Detection of Fraud and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013 | 5 | (14) |

* Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud (17/18 in brackets)

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| Fraud Investigation - SWLFP #  | Absolute | FTE |
| 15 (15) | 14.5 (14.5) |

* Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists

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|  | Absolute | FTE |
| PINS trained Fraud Specialist | 7 (6) | 7.0 (6.0) |
| CIPFA Certificate in Investigative Practices  | 1 (2) | 1.0 (2.0) |
| CIPFA Accredited Counter Fraud Specialist | 4 (4) | 4.0 (4.0) |

* Total amount spent by the authority on investigation and fraud prevention

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| Fraud Partnership | 18/19 | (17/18) |
| £143.8k | £140.9k |

* Total number of fraud cases investigated.

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|  | 18/19 | (17/18) |
| Housing/Tenancy related Investigations  | 79 | 123 |
| Right to Buy | 33 | 38 |
| Permit Fraud Investigation | 15 | 15 |
| Other Investigations  | 117 | 131 |
| TOTAL | 244 | 276 |