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Dear [Name Redacted]

Freedom of Information – Request for Information

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

Details of Your Request

Please could you provide for the 2016/2017 financial year the:

- *total number of social tenancy frauds detected.*
- *total number of social tenancy fraud cases investigated.*
- *number of prosecutions brought under Prevention of Social Housing Fraud Act 2014.*
- *total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of social tenancy fraud.*

If this information is not available for the 2016/2017 financial year please could you provide the most recent yearly figures available.

In addition to this I am aware that the Local Government Transparency Code 2015 requires you to publish the information listed below. Please could you provide this information for 2016/2017 or could I be directed to where this is available.

- *number of occasions they use powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014, or similar powers.*
- *total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud.*
- *total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists.*
- *amount spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud.*
- *total number of fraud cases investigated.*

The response to your request as follows:

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2. For the second part of the request here is the link to the page:

<https://www.tamworth.gov.uk/transparency-and-open-data>

2016/17 Fraud Investigations

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Yours Sincerely

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