

# Wychavon District Council

## Fraud Information

As a district council and billing authority, the bulk of our fraud investigation work was in respect of housing benefit fraud but this responsibility, (including relevant staff), was transferred to the DWP from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 as a result of the creation of the single fraud investigation service (SFIS). The Council now provides the DWP with information to assist their investigations but does not have information from them on numbers of staff involved and numbers of cases and it expects the DWP to be reporting this separately. The Council is unable to report details in respect of housing benefit fraud as it no longer holds the data.

The Council has very little fraud in other areas and therefore no longer has a specialist team dealing with fraud. The Council has clear policies in relation to anti-fraud and corruption e.g. Anti-fraud and Corruption Strategy, Whistle Blowing Policy. In the case of ad hoc instances of 'non housing benefit fraud' that require investigation, our internal auditors undertake this as a special task.