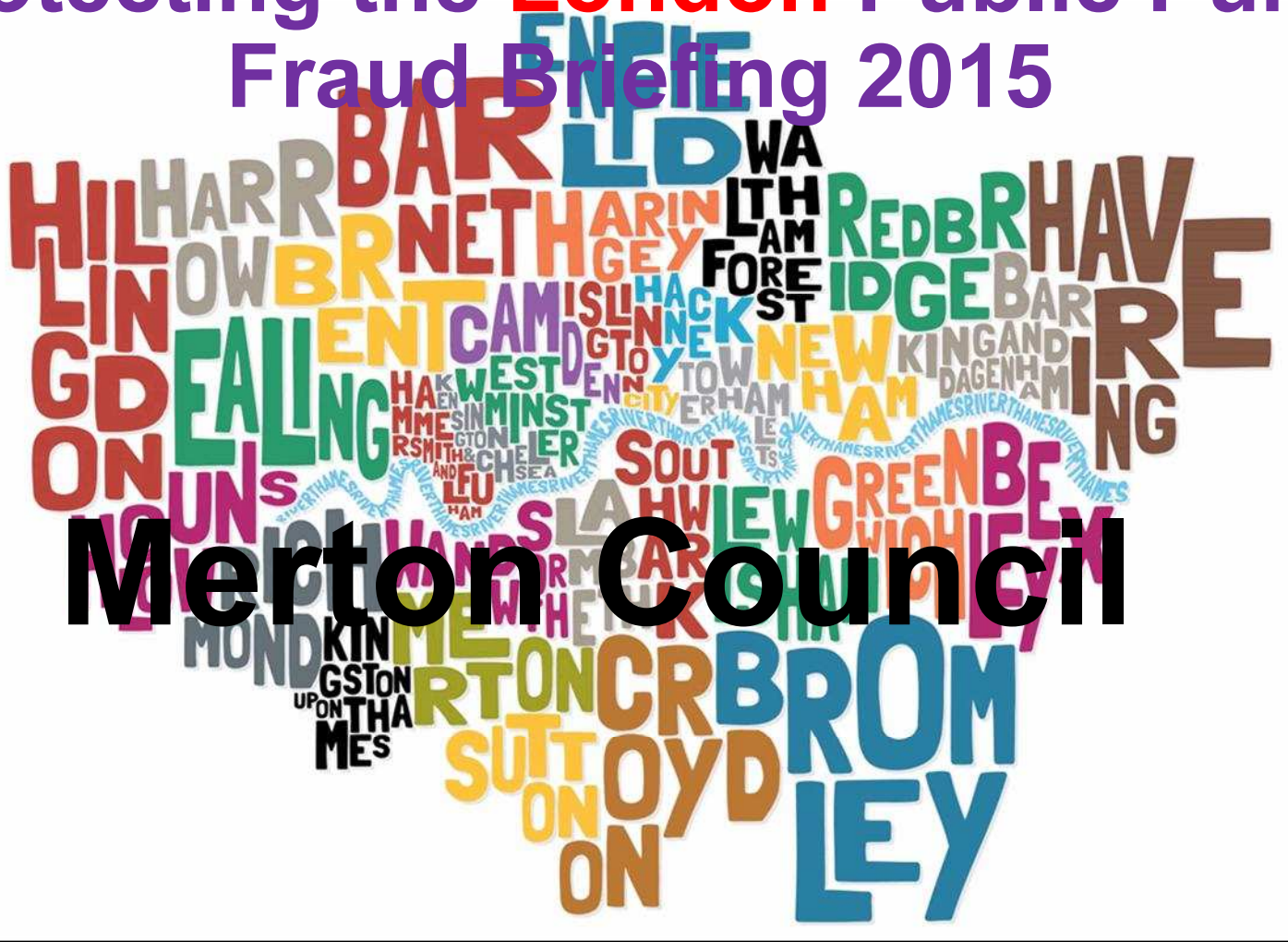


Protecting the London Public Purse Fraud Briefing 2015



Purpose of Fraud Briefing

an information source to support councillors in council's fraud detection activities

an opportunity for councillors to consider fraud detection, compared to similar local authorities

to discussing local and national fraud risks, reflection and the proportionate responses needed

analyst for reviewing the council's current strategy, recommendations for tackling fraud

Understanding the bar charts

All data are drawn from council submissions for the TEICCAF annual fraud and corruption survey for 2014/15

Your council is compared with the other London boroughs taking part in the voluntary survey

London boroughs submission rate: 93.9%

English councils surveyed submission rate: 59.5%

(County councils, district councils, metropolitan districts & unitary authorities and London boroughs)

Your council for detected cases is shown in **Yellow**

Your council for detected value is shown in **Red**

All averages are 'mean' averages

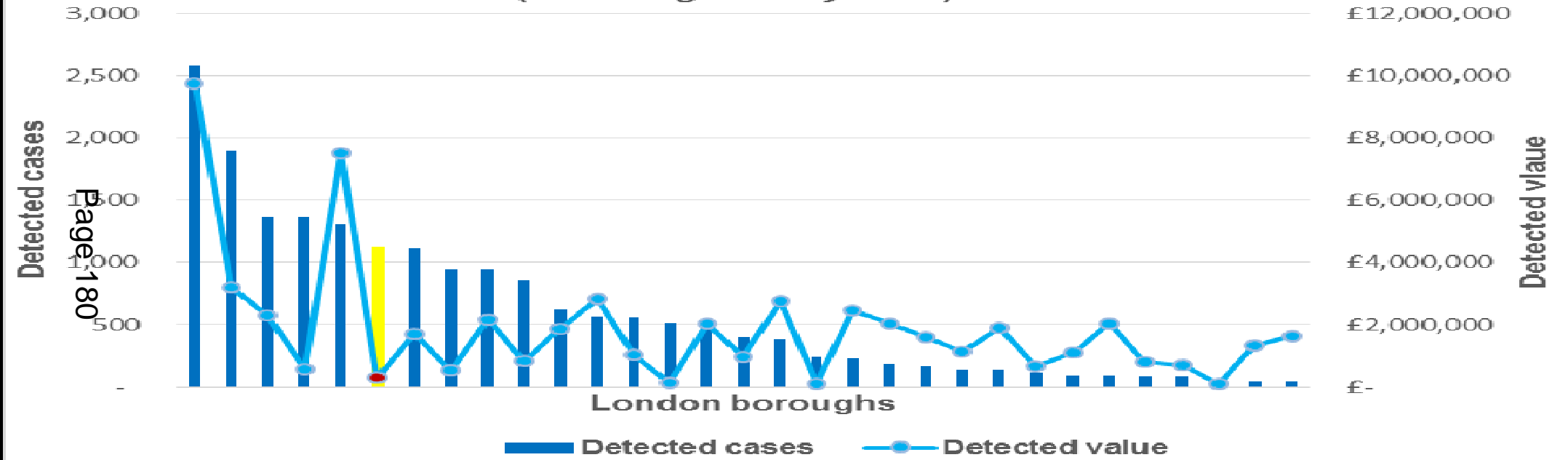
In some cases, council report they have detected fraud and do not report the number of cases and/or the value - for the purposes of this fraud briefing these 'Not Recorded' records are shown as

Nil

NB it is always best practice to ensure counter fraud activity is accurately and comprehensively recorded, particularly for assessing fraud risk

Total detected cases and value (excluding Tenancy fraud)

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til - Total number of detected cases: 1,121. Total detected value
 h average per council - Detected cases: 604. Detected value

housing benefit (HB) and council tax benefit (CTB)

of benefit fraud is transferring from councils to the Department for Fraud Investigation Service (SFIS)

have already transferred their benefit fraud investigators to SFIS, the have done so by March 2016

comparison of HB/CTB of little value, as some council did not invest only a part of the year

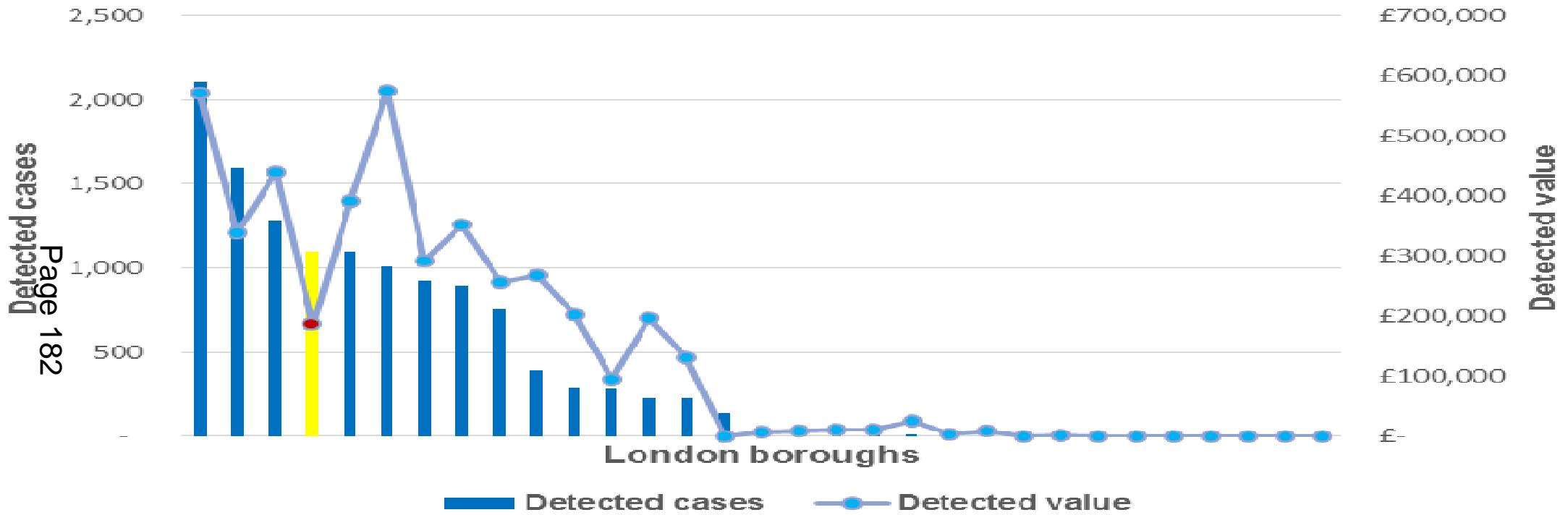
may wish to ask:

Will have enough counter fraud resource to tackle non-benefit fraud post
Council's counter fraud resource have the skill sets to tackle the wide and
areas?

Partnership working arrangement available that helps provide a counter fraud
resource?

Council tax discount fraud

Council tax discount fraud - detected cases and value



...il - Total number of detected cases: 1,098. Total detected value
 ...ugh average per council. Detected cases: 402. Detected value

Social Housing fraud

(councils without housing stock)

Council does not have housing stock the financial and social cost of affordable housing falls on councils

Local Government Social Housing Fraud Act 2013 criminalises tenancy fraud and it allows councils to investigate and prosecute tenancy fraudsters on behalf of housing associations

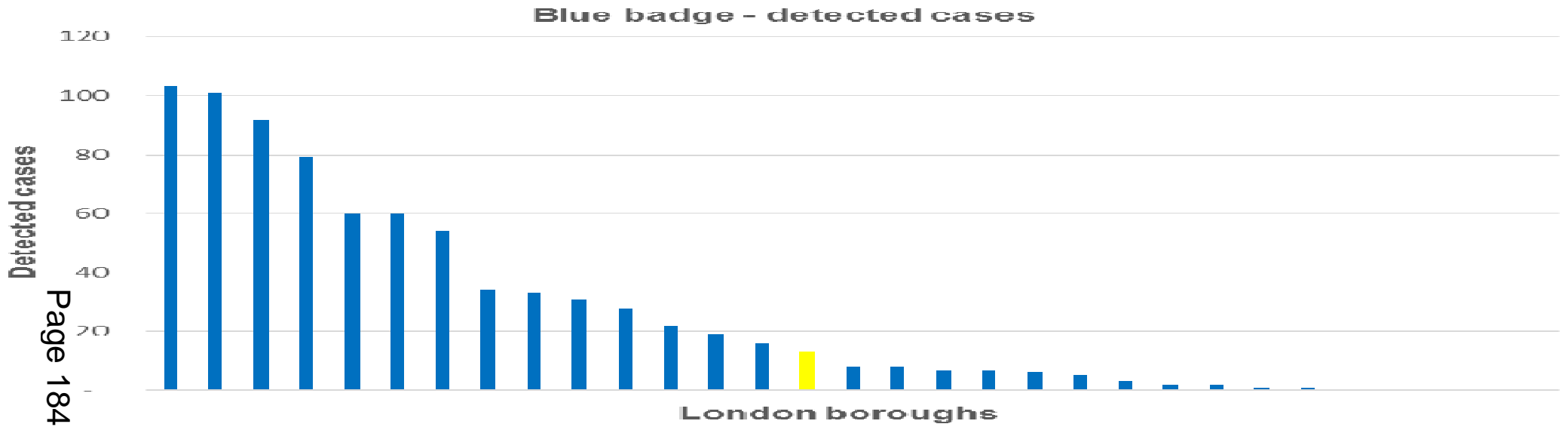
Housing associations in housing association properties will have the Right to Buy (RTB)

At least 3% of RTB applications in London councils are fraudulent and at least 10% in other councils

Housing associations do not have the counter fraud resource to combat tenancy fraud

Can councils be partnering with the housing associations in your area to ensure housing is not abused and stolen by fraudsters?

Disabled parking (Blue Badge) fraud



Your council - Total number of detected cases: 13.

London borough average per council – Detected cases: 26.

NB It is difficult to calculate the value of Blue Badge fraud. However, fraud causes social, as well as financial, harm – particularly the undermining of public confidence in public services

Other frauds

Number of detected cases: nil.
Average per council – Detected cases: 1. Detected value: £40,694.

Public funds fraud

Number of detected cases: nil.
Average per council – Detected cases: 14. Detected value: £227,105.

Number of detected cases: 1. Detected value: £757.
Average per council – Detected cases: 1. Detected value: £16,453.

Number of detected cases: nil.
Average per council – Detected cases: 1. Detected value: £20,453.

Private sector fraud

Number of detected cases: nil.
Average per council – Detected cases: 1. Detected value: £16,189.

Number of detected cases: 4. Detected value: £757.
Average per council – Detected cases: 9. Detected value: £40,229.

Further information and support

The 'Protecting the English Public Purse 2015' (PEPP) report and the 'Protecting the London Public Purse 2015' (LPP) report are available at www.teiccaf.com

The **PEPP** reports also contains a counter fraud checklist for councils to use – questions you may

- Are our priorities reflected in our approach to countering fraud?
- Are we considered counter-fraud partnership working?
- Are we satisfied that we will have access to comparative information and data to assist our decision making in the future?

If you have any questions concerning:

- the fact finding;

- LCCA;

- LCCA and the PEPP report, please contact Kevin Campbell-Scott, chair of LB

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