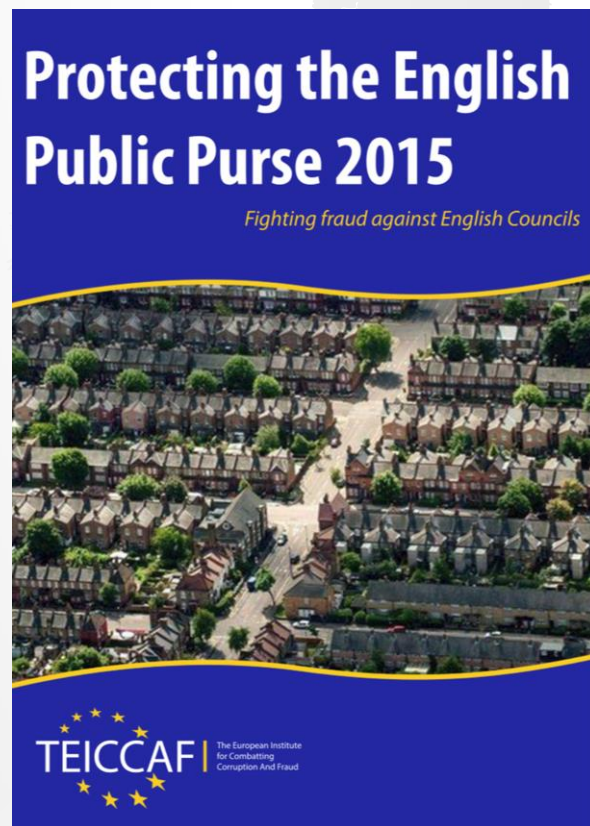


Protecting the English Public Purse (PEPP) 2015



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About TEICCAF

The European Institute for Combatting Corruption And Fraud

Not for profit charity seeking to provide counter fraud and corruption strategic vision and thought leadership for public sector and charity organisations

Staffed by the former Audit Commission Counter Fraud Team

Continuation of expertise on the fraud risks facing councils

Continuation of the award winning '*Protecting the Public Purse*' reports

Working collaboratively with public sector bodies, charities and private companies across the UK, Europe and around the World

Annual fraud and corruption survey

Continuation of Audit Commission survey

A voluntary survey to 353 English Councils

Submission rates:

Nationally 59.5%

County councils 66.7%

District councils 59.7%

Met districts & unitary authorities 44.6%

London boroughs 93.9%

English councils remain more transparent and accountable in the fight against fraud than any other part of the UK public, private and voluntary sectors

Headline figures

Total Fraud:

Cases down by 18% to 84,000
Value up by 11% to £207 million

HB/CTB:

Cases fell by more than half to just over 27,000
Value fell by 13% to £109.7 million
This decline was expected

Council tax discount:

Cases dropped by 12% to 48,000
Value dropped by 3% to £18.5 million

Non-benefit (corporate):

Cases decreased by 8% to 57,000
Value increased by 63% to £97 million

Tenancy:

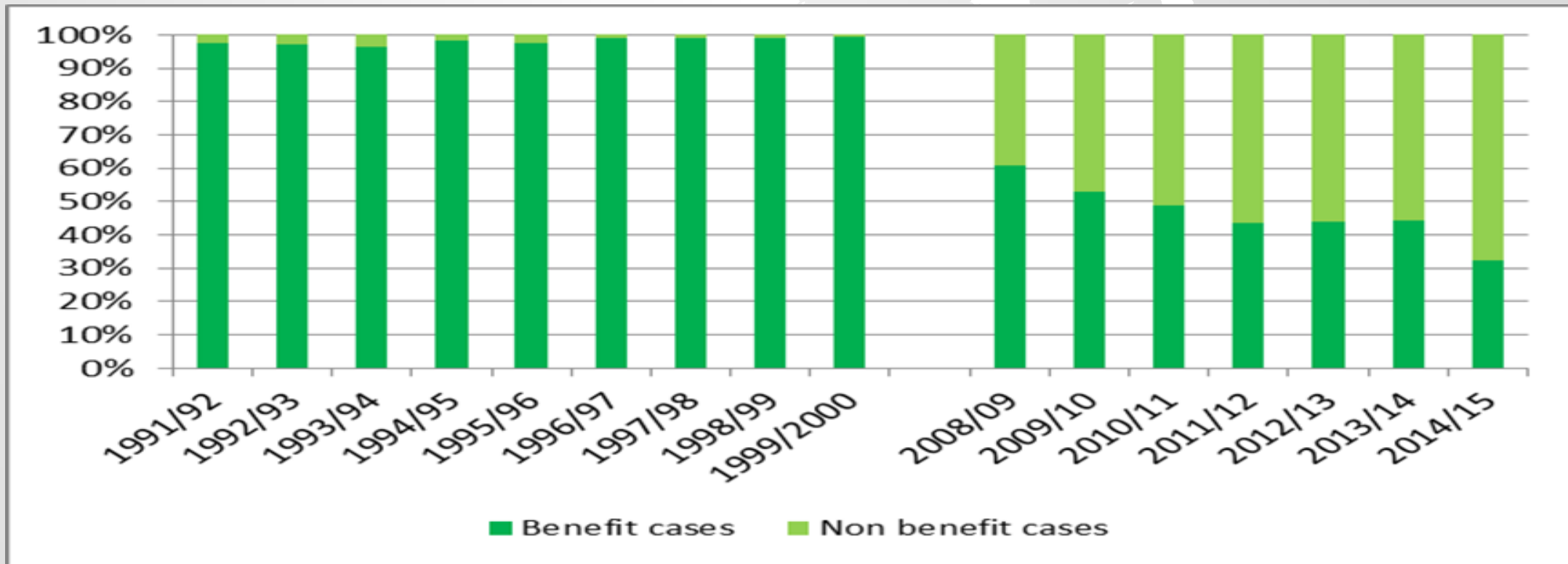
Properties recovered decreased by 1% to 2,993
London recovers more properties than the rest of the country combined

Non-benefit (corporate) fraud

Fraud type	Cases 2014/15	Value 2014/15	Change in cases 2013/14 to 2014/15 (%)	Change in value 2013/14 to 2014/15 (%)
Right to Buy	411	£30,247,573	113.0	144.7
Abuse of position	221	£9,747,682	-35.2	142.4
Insurance	473	£9,172,614	109.3	92.0
No Recourse to Public Funds	444	£7,115,446	N/A	N/A
Social Care	291	£4,286,767	-33.6	-31.5
Debt fraud	1,083	£2,890,638	2.1	61.5
Economic and third sector support	102	£2,392,773	183.3	222.5
Procurement	86	£2,349,352	-32.3	47.1
Disabled parking concessions (Blue Badge)	4,371	£2,185,500	7.8	7.8
Business rates	171	£1,089,780	103.6	-10.3

~~Benefit and Non-benefit (corporate) fraud~~

From 2016/17 just call it 'FRAUD'



The focus changes, but the risk continues

Counter fraud capacity

Main issues faced by councils in tackling fraud

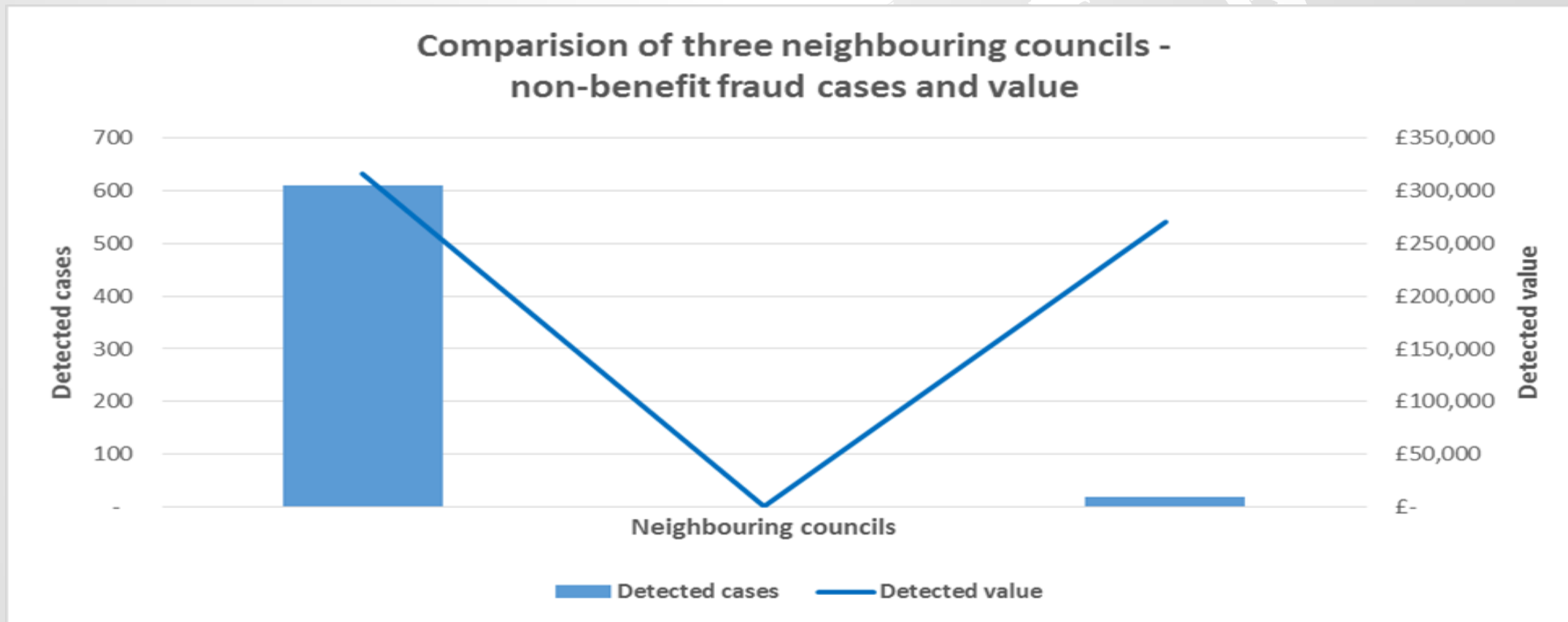


Nationally, less than half (45.7%) of councils have a corporate counter fraud team

However:

- London, 93.5% of councils have a corporate fraud team
- Rest of the country, just 37.4% have a corporate fraud team

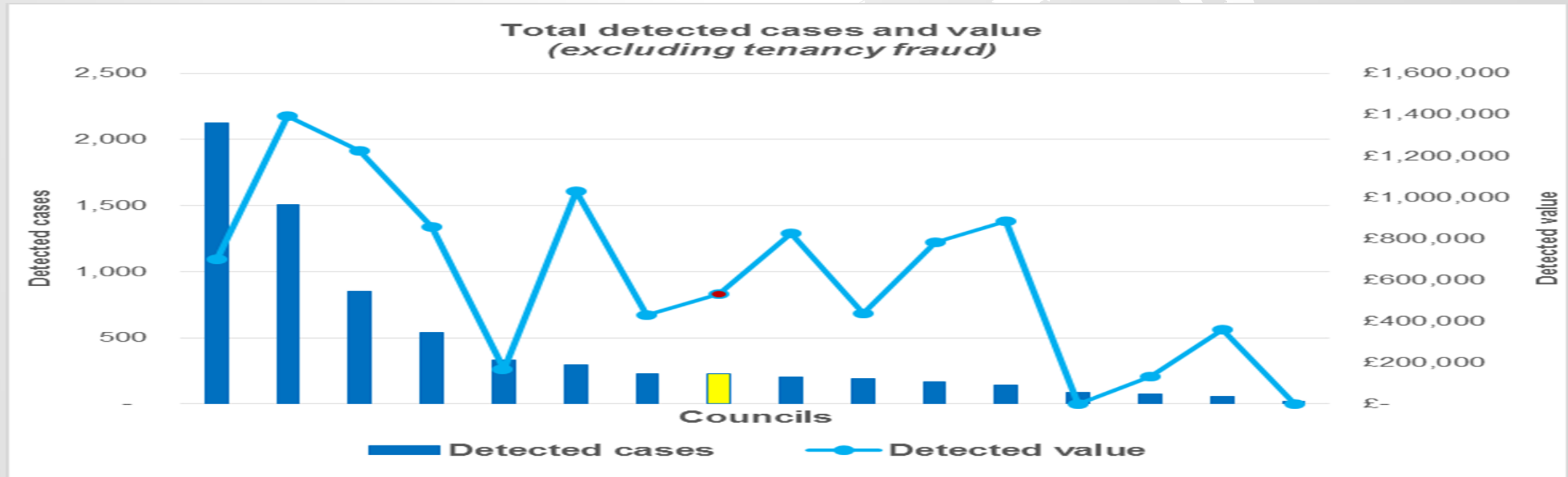
Local variations in fraud detection



Fraudsters:

- will cross council boundaries;
- will focus towards councils without robust counter fraud responses; and
- will not stop trying to defraud the public purse

Fraud Briefings



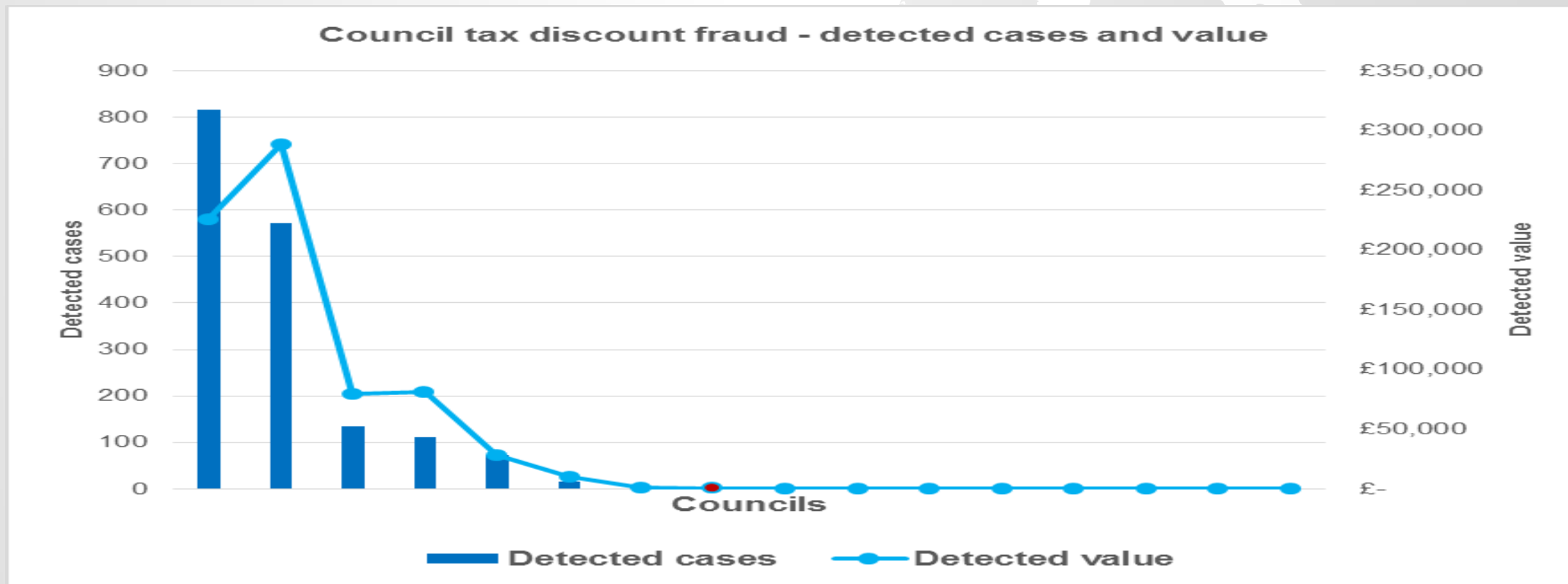
TEICCAF Fraud Briefings are free to those who submit a TEICCAF annual fraud survey

Useful benchmarking resource

Survey and fraud briefings help define common definitions and standards

Help engage with elected members and strategy setters

Council tax discount fraud



Your council - Total number of detected cases: 2. Total detected value: £417.

Comparator council average – Detected cases: 108. Detected value: £44,660.

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- 20% Discount for regional ad hoc Training Events.
- 10% Discount for recommended Products and Services
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- Participation in sector led solutions to combat fraud and corruption
- Participation in sector led reports; such as 'Protecting the English Public Purse'
- FREE Individual Fraud Briefing (benchmark/VFM profile) for every organisation submitting an annual TEICCAF fraud survey

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