



## Press Release

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### Fighting fraud locally, recognised nationally

The Kensington & Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation (KCTMO) was amongst good company last Thursday at the inaugural Fighting Fraud Awards, established to recognise efforts to combat and prevent fraud.

The KCTMO and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea were shortlisted for their collaborative work to prevent, detect and deter fraud in council stock, including their use of civil proceedings to remove the profit from unlawful subletting and reduce the incidence of reoffending.

Kensington & Chelsea TMO Board Chair Fay Edwards said: “Kensington & Chelsea TMO is committed to working with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea to tackle tenancy fraud and illegal sub-letting. We are really pleased our partnership working resulted in the TMO being shortlisted for the Fighting Fraud Awards, as well as making a difference in our local community.”

Tenancy fraud is an issue affecting all councils and one that is compounded as the demand for affordable housing increases and the supply of suitable accommodation reduces.

Kensington & Chelsea TMO Chief Executive, Robert Black said: “Having set the precedent, we are confident there is a clear message that we won’t tolerate tenancy fraud in our borough.”

“By continuing our work together we can ensure housing is allocated to those who genuinely need it most across the properties we manage.”

Kensington & Chelsea TMO would like to congratulate all the winners and finalists who were recognised in the Fighting Fraud Awards.

The Fighting Fraud Awards ([www.fightingfraudawards.co.uk](http://www.fightingfraudawards.co.uk)) recognise the efforts of those individuals and bodies within the public sector that have done most to combat and prevent fraud.

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