



SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Fraud and Corruption Statement

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We do not tolerate fraud or corruption. Any attempted fraud or corruption will be swiftly and robustly dealt with.

We recognise the importance of operating in an open and accountable manner. We require all our staff, and those who work on our behalf, to act honestly, with integrity and demonstrate the highest standards of conduct at all times.

We ensure that opportunities to commit fraud and/or corruption are reduced to the lowest possible level by:

- Proactively preventing, detecting, disrupting and deterring fraud.
- Formally investigating fraud.
- Applying sanctions against anyone who commits or tries to commit fraud.
- Prosecuting offenders.
- Seeking redress for any fraud, overpayment or losses.
- Maintaining a counter-fraud culture.
- Raising awareness of the impact of fraud both on the organisation and the individual

To achieve this, we:

- Maintain and promote our counter-fraud culture.
- Ensure that all our stakeholders, including residents, employees, elected Members, Schools, partners, consultants, contractors, service users and suppliers understand that fraud is unacceptable.
- Have rules and procedures, which all stakeholders must follow.
- Have clear roles and responsibilities in relation to fraud.
- Share information with other authorities and organisations to deal with fraud and corruption locally and nationally, working within the law.
- Increase awareness of fraud and corruption through a programme of training and communication.
- Enable managers to identify and mitigate fraud and corruption risks.
- Encourage and enable all stakeholders to raise concerns.
- Formally investigate all allegations of fraud and corruption.
- Continually seek to prevent, detect and disrupt fraud.
- Apply appropriate sanctions such as disciplinary action, criminal proceedings and recovery of losses when necessary, working with other organisations to achieve this.
- Publicise cases to show how we fight fraud and corruption.

Endorsed by:

Leader of the Council

Chief Executive