

# Counter Fraud Work Statement

2021 - 2022



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In its Policy Statement that forms part of the Constitution, The Combined Fire Authority (CFA) adopts a zero tolerance approach to fraud and corruption of any kind.

Our Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy further sets out our approach and complies with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Managing the Risk of Fraud and Corruption (2014) (the code).

The CFA does not directly employ staff purely to undertake investigations and prosecutions of fraud. The Monitoring Officer, The Treasurer and Managers, working with Internal Audit and the police if required, will respond to individual cases as and when the need arises.

No significant cases of fraud and corruption were investigated in 2021-22 and no expenditure was incurred.

The CFA is part of the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) which is a national data matching exercise undertaken on a biennial basis by the Cabinet Office and in accordance with statutory powers provided by the Local Accountability and Audit Act 2014. Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service is a mandatory participant. Data for the NFI is provided by some 1,300 participating organisations from across the public and private sectors. The data is cross matched and compared to key data sets provided by other participants, including government departments and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) deceased persons database. Data has been submitted for the 2020/21 national exercise which attracted a cost of £1,150. The next 2022/23 National exercise will take place in financial year 2023/24.

The CFA receives frequent anti-fraud and corruption updates through its membership of the National Anti-Fraud Network and the National Fraud intelligence Bureau.