

Transparency Fraud Report 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015

The Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority is a large public authority which expects the highest standards of conduct and integrity from its Members, employees and from all who have dealings with it. The Authority is mindful of the high expectations of the public and the degree of scrutiny to which its affairs are subject. The Authority is determined that the culture and tone of the organisation embodies honesty and opposition to corruption and dishonesty. Members and employees are expected to lead by example.

The Authority has a separate “Whistleblowing Code” (Confidential Reporting Policy) which sets out a procedure on how to raise concerns of a general nature. The Fraud and Corruption Policy set out below focuses specifically on procedures for dealing with allegations of financial irregularities and is intended to:-

- encourage prevention of dishonesty;
- promote its detection; and
- identify a clear pathway for investigation

Acts of dishonesty within the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service are extremely rare. This reflects the skills, dedication and decency of members, employees and others with whom the Authority has dealings. Constant vigilance is necessary to ensure that this record

Click Link to Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority Strategy on the prevention and detection of fraud and corruption
<http://www.dsfire.gov.uk/FireAuthority/ConstitutionalGovernance/documents/DSFRAStrategyforPreventionofFraudandCorruptionLastRevisedMay14.pdf>

Review Period: 1 st April 2014 to 31 st March 2015	TOTALS
Annual publication Publish the following information: ❖ number of occasions they use powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014, or similar powers	0
❖ total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud	0.5
❖ total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists	0
❖ total amount spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud	£0
❖ total number of fraud cases investigated.	0
Local authorities should publish: ❖ total number of cases of irregularity investigated	0
❖ total number of occasions on which a) fraud and b) irregularity was identified	a) 0 b) 0
❖ total monetary value of a) the fraud and b) the irregularity that was detected, and	a) 0 b) 0
❖ total monetary value of a) the fraud and b) the irregularity that was recovered.	a) 0 b) 0

- ❖ Notes: Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service participate with co-ordinating the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) process. The role ensures data is submitted accurately and supports the service areas to review the resulting data matches. Click here for NFI <http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/national-fraud-initiative/>
- ❖ Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud – no full time post exist however the responsibility incorporated into roles.