Yeovil Town Council

Fraud Statement 2025/26

Yeovil Town Council is committed to the prevention, detection, and investigation of fraud and corruption and to promoting a culture of openness, honesty, and accountability in all its activities.

The Council has appropriate systems, policies, and procedures in place to reduce the risk of fraud and to ensure that any suspected fraudulent activity is dealt with promptly and effectively. These arrangements are proportionate to the size and nature of the organisation and are kept under regular review.

The Council's approach to fraud includes:

- Clear financial regulations and internal controls
- Proper segregation of duties
- Regular monitoring of financial transactions
- Compliance with statutory audit requirements
- A code of conduct for officers and members

Employees and members are expected to adhere to the highest standards of conduct and are encouraged to report any concerns relating to suspected fraud or irregularity. The Council has arrangements in place to allow concerns to be raised confidentially and without fear of reprisal.

During the 2025/26 financial year, no instances of fraud or corruption were identified or reported to Yeovil Town Council. Should any instances arise, they would be investigated in line with the Council's policies and, where appropriate, reported to the relevant authorities.

This statement is published in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Transparency Code 2015 and will be reviewed and updated annually.