

CP.21 Fraud and Corruption Control

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<i>Related Shire Documents</i>	Fraud and Corruption Control Plan
<i>Related Legislation</i>	Australian Standards AS8001-2021 Fraud and Corruption Control Local Government Act 1995

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this Policy is to demonstrate the main principles for countering fraud and corruption.

SCOPE

This policy applies to internal and external fraud/corruption, including but not limited to: Council Members, Committee Members, staff, contractors, suppliers, volunteers, and members of the public.

POLICY

The Shire recognises that fraud and corruption prevention and control are integral components of good governance and risk management. Suspected fraud, corruption or misconduct will be reported, investigated and resolved in accordance with Shire policies, processes and the Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Act 2003.

a) The Shire of Northam will:

- take a risk management approach to the prevention, identification and management of fraud and corruption;
- minimise the risk of potential for fraudulent or corrupt conduct on the part of its Council Members, Committee Members, staff, contractors, suppliers, volunteers, and members of the public;
- detect fraudulent or corrupt behaviour through a systematic process articulated in a Fraud and Corruption Control Plan. This plan details the practical steps the Shire will undertake to ensure fraud and corruption does not occur. This Plan aims to:
 - Reduce the potential for fraud and corruption within and against the Shire;
 - Build a culture which seeks to prevent fraud and corruption;

- Apply resources to the prevention of fraud and corruption; and
- Explain how suspected instances of fraud and corruption are dealt with.

This Plan comprises four stages: planning and resourcing; prevention; detection; and response.

- investigate or otherwise formally enquire into all instances of suspected fraudulent or corrupt conduct identified as a result of the detection processes, or as a result of receiving an allegation of fraudulent or corrupt activities;
- manage, discipline or facilitate the prosecution of those responsible for incidents of fraud and corruption as appropriate;
- ensure the continued organisational integrity and transparency of its operations.
- Adopt the following Fraud Control Framework;

