

**POLICY TITLE: FRAUD PROTECTION POLICY**

**Policy No. 514**

**POLICY PURPOSE**

To ensure appropriate controls and procedures are in place to prevent and detect fraudulent activity by elected members, staff, contractors and other parties external to Council.

To provide guidance to both elected members and staff of the appropriate action to take if they suspect cases of fraudulent activity.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

This policy relates to all elected members, staff, contractors and other parties external to Council.

The Council has zero tolerance to fraud and all allegations of fraud will be investigated. Where allegations of fraud have been substantiated, action will be taken to the full extent of the law.

All elected members, staff and contractors will be made aware of their responsibilities through induction and training.

**Refer to attached document "Fraud Protection Procedural Statement and Directives" that supports this policy.**