

Whistleblowing and Fraud – Annual Update 2022

Purpose

1. This paper gives the Committee information on:
 - SFC's current whistleblowing policy.
 - Incidences of fraud or whistleblowing.

Background

2. At its September 2013 meeting (ACC 13/79) the Committee agreed that an annual update on whistleblowing and fraud be presented to the Committee.

Whistleblowing policy

3. There have been no changes to The Public Interest Disclosures chapter of SFC's Financial Procedures Manual (FPM) and the SFC's Code of Conduct. Copies are available on request from the Clerk.

Fraud Response Guidance

4. There have been no changes to the Staff Disciplinary Procedure.

Incidences of Whistleblowing or Fraud

5. There have been no incidences of whistleblowing or fraud since the last report.

Risk assessment

6. This paper is designed to mitigate the risk of fraud.

Equality and diversity assessment

7. The information in the paper refers to administrative procedures and does not adversely impact on any groups with protected characteristics.

Recommendations

8. The Committee is invited to note this paper.

Financial implications

9. There are no direct financial implications from this report.

Publication

10. This paper will be published on the Council's website following the meeting.

Further information

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