

MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

The Community Council has adopted a Code of Conduct for its members, which is based on the Welsh Government code model, and includes the following ten principles:

1. SELFLESSNESS
2. HONESTY
3. CREDIBILITY AND DECENCY
4. DUTY TO UPHOLD THE LAW
5. STEWARDSHIP
6. OBJECTIVE WHEN MAKING DECISIONS
7. EQUALITY AND RESPECT
8. BE OPEN
9. ACCOUNTABILITY
10. LEADERSHIP

1. Selflessness

Members must act solely in the public interest. They must never use their position as members for their own improper advantage or for the improper advantage or disadvantage of others.

2. Honesty

Members must declare any private interests relevant to their public duties and take steps to resolve any conflicts in a manner that protects the public interest.

3. Credibility and decency

Members must not put themselves in a position where any financial or other obligation towards individuals or bodies that might try to influence them while they carry out their duties, casts doubt on their integrity. Members must avoid behaviour that appears to be so at all times.

4. Duty to uphold the law

Members must act to uphold the law, and always act in accordance with the trust the public has placed in them.

5. Stewardship

In carrying out their duties and responsibilities members must ensure that the authority's resources are used legally and sensibly.

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6. Objective when making decisions

In carrying out their responsibilities, including making appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, members must make decisions based on merit. Although members must have regard to the professional advice of officers and it may be appropriate for them to have regard to the views of others, including their political groups, it is their responsibility to decide which position to take and, if appropriate, how to vote on any issue.

7. Equality and respect

Members must fulfil their duties and responsibilities with due regard to the need to promote equal opportunities for all, regardless of their gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, age or religion, showing respect and consideration towards others.

8. Be open

Members must be as open as possible about all their actions and the actions of their authority. They must try to ensure that disclosures of information are restricted only in accordance with the law.

9. Accountability

Members are accountable to the electorate and to the public in general for their actions and for the way they fulfil their responsibilities as members. They must be prepared to submit to any audits that are appropriate for their responsibilities.

10. Leadership

Members must promote and support these principles by providing leadership and an example so that they promote public confidence in their role and in the authority. They must respect that statutory officers and other employees of the authority are accurate and impartial.

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