



CLOWNE PARISH COUNCIL

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CLOWNE PARISH COUNCIL - MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

In accordance with the Localism Act provisions, when acting or appearing to act in my capacity as a Councillor I am committed to behaving in a manner that is consistent with the following principles to achieve the best value for our residents and maintain public confidence in Council.

As a Member of the Council, I will ensure my conduct is in accordance with the statutory principles of the Code of Conduct by:

- Dealing people fairly, appropriately and impartially
- Acting in accordance with the Councils ICT policies, ensuring that ICT resources are not used improperly and having regard to any applicable Local Authority Code of Publicity made under the Local Government Act 1986
- Not allowing other pressures, including the financial interests of myself or others connected to me, to deter me from pursuing constituents casework, the interests of the Council or the good governance of the Authority in a proper manner
- Complying with the requirements of the Councils Protocol on Gifts and Hospitality by registering with the Monitoring Officer any item of hospitality that I receive
- Exercising independent judgement and not compromising my position by placing myself under obligations to outside individuals or organisations who might seek to influence the way I perform my duties as a Member or co-opted Member of my Authority
- Listening to the interests of all parties, including relevant advice from statutory and other professional officers, taking all relevant information into consideration, remaining objective and making decisions on merit
- Being accountable for my decisions and co-operating when scrutinised internally and externally, including by local residents.
- Contributing to making the Council's decision-making processes as open and transparent as possible. I will do this by allowing residents to access information they are entitled to by law, helping them to understand the reasoning behind the decisions taken and enabling them to be informed when holding me and other Members to account.
- Restricting access to information when the wider public interest or the law requires it
- Behaving in accordance with the Council's legal obligations, alongside any requirements contained within its policies, protocols and procedures, including on the use of the Authority's resources
- Valuing my colleagues and staff and engaging with them in an appropriate manner and one that underpins the mutual respect between us that is essential to good local government
- Always treating people with respect, including organisations and public I engage with and those I work alongside
- Providing leadership through behaving in accordance with these principles when championing the interests of the community, with other organisations, as well as within this Authority.

Signed : Dated: