

Comparison of Codes of Conduct

Topic	DCLG Code	LGA Code	Model Code of Conduct
<p>1. Application</p>	<p>"When acting in your capacity as a member or co-opted member"</p>	<p>"As a member (of the authority) my conduct will in particular address the statutory principles of the code of conduct by -"</p>	<p>"This Code applies to you as a member of an authority."</p> <p>"It is your responsibility to comply with the provisions of this Code."</p> <p>"You must comply with this Code whenever you - (a) conduct the business of your authority, or (b) act, claim to act or give the impression that you are acting as a representative of your authority."</p> <p>"This Code does not have effect in relation to your conduct other than where it is in your official capacity."</p>
<p>2. Principles</p>	<p>"You are a member of the Council and hence you shall have regard to the following principles - selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership"</p> <p><i>The Principles therefore form part of this Code of Conduct</i></p>	<p>"In accordance with the Localism Act provisions, when acting in this capacity I am committed to behaving in a manner that is consistent with the following principles to achieve best value for our residents and maintain public confidence in this authority."</p> <p><i>This Code then lists the 7 Principles, but supplements each Principle with behaviours which support that Principle. Accordingly, both the Principles and the supporting behaviours comprise parts of the Code, but it is unclear whether the</i></p>	<p>"You should read this Code together with the general principles prescribed by the Secretary of State."</p>

<p>Selflessness</p>	<p>"You must act solely in the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person or act to gain financial or other material benefits for yourself, your family, a friend or close associate"</p>	<p><i>Principles are restricted to the supporting behaviours.</i></p> <p><i>Supporting behaviours –</i> "Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family or their friends." <i>Specific requirements –</i> "Championing the needs of residents – the whole community in a special way my constituents, including those who did not vote for me – and putting their interests first."</p>	<p>"You must not use or attempt to use your position as a member improperly to confer on or secure for yourself or any other person, an advantage or disadvantage."</p>
<p>Integrity</p>	<p>"You must not place yourself under a financial or other obligation or outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence you in the performance of your official duties."</p>	<p><i>Supporting behaviours –</i> "Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their official duties" <i>Specific requirements –</i> "Not allowing other pressures, including the financial interests or myself or others connected to me to deter me from pursuing constituents' casework, the interests of the authority or the good governance of the authority in a proper manner."</p> <p>"Exercising independent judgement and not compromising my position by</p>	

	<p>placing myself under obligations to outside individuals or organisation who might seek to influence the way I perform my duties as a member of this authority."</p>		
<p>Objectivity</p>	<p><i>Supporting behaviours –</i> "In carrying out public business, including making appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit." <i>Specific requirements –</i> "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."</p>	<p>"When carrying out your public duties you must make all choices, such as making public appointments, awarding contracts or recommending individuals for rewards or benefits, on merit."</p>	<p>"When reaching decisions on any matter, you must have regard to any relevant advice provided to you by – (a) your authority's Chief Financial Officer; or (b) your authority's Monitoring Officer, Where that officer is acting pursuant to his or her statutory duties."</p>
<p>Accountability</p>	<p><i>Supporting behaviours –</i> "Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office." <i>Specific requirements –</i> "Being accountable for my decisions and co-operating when scrutinised internally and externally, including by local residents."</p>	<p>"You are accountable for your decisions to the public and you must co-operate fully with whatever scrutiny is appropriate to your office."</p>	
<p>Openness</p>	<p><i>Supporting behaviours –</i></p>	<p>"You must be as open as possible about your decisions and actions and</p>	<p>"You must give reasons for all decisions in accordance with any</p>

	<p>the decisions and actions of your authority and should be prepared to give reasons for those decisions and actions.”</p>	<p>Holders of public office should be as open as possible about the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.”</p> <p><i>Specific requirements –</i> “Contributing to making this authority’s decision-making processes as open and transparent as possible to enable residents to understand the reasoning behind those decisions and to be informed when holding me and other members to account, but restricting access to information when the wider public interest or the law requires it.”</p>	<p>statutory requirements and any reasonable additional requirements imposed by your authority “</p> <p>“You must not – (a) disclose any information given to you in confidence by anyone, or information acquired by you which you believe, or ought reasonably to have been aware, is of a confidential nature, except where – (i) You have the consent of the person authorised to give it; (ii) You are required by law to do it; (iii) the disclosure is made to a third party for the purpose of obtaining professional advice obtained, provided that the third party agrees not to disclose the information to any other person, or (iv) The disclosure is reasonable and in the public interest and made in good faith and in compliance with the reasonable requirements of your authority.”</p> <p>“You must not prevent another person gaining access to information to which that person is entitled.”</p>
<p>Honesty</p>	<p>“You must declare any private interests, both pecuniary and non-pecuniary, that relate to your public duties and must take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest, including registering and declaring interests in</p>	<p><i>Supporting behaviours –</i> “Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.”</p>	

	<p>a manner conforming with the procedures set out in the box below.”</p>	<p><i>Specific requirements –</i> None.</p>	<p>“You must not conduct yourself in a manner that might reasonably be regarded as bringing your office or authority into disrepute.”</p>
<p>Leadership</p>	<p>“You must promote and support high standards of conduct when serving in your public post, in particular as characterised by the above requirements, by leadership and example.”</p>	<p><i>Supporting behaviours –</i> “holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example”</p> <p><i>Specific requirements –</i> “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.”</p>	<p>“You must, when using or authorising the use by others of the resources of your authority – (i) act in accordance with your authority’s reasonable requirements; (ii) ensure that such resources are not used improperly for political (including party political) purposes.”</p> <p>“You must have regard to any applicable Local Authority Code of Publicity made under the Local Government Act 1986.”</p>
<p>Other</p>	<p>“You must, when using or authorising the use by others of the resources of your authority, ensure that such resources are not used improperly for political purposes (including party political purposes) and you must have regard to any applicable Local Authority Code of Publicity made under the Local Government Act 1986.”</p>	<p><i>Specific requirements –</i> “Behaving in accordance with all our legal obligations, alongside any requirements contained within this authority’s policies, protocols and procedures, including on the use of the authority’s resources.”</p>	<p>“You must, when using or authorising the use by others of the resources of your authority – (i) act in accordance with your authority’s reasonable requirements; (ii) ensure that such resources are not used improperly for political (including party political) purposes.”</p> <p>“You must have regard to any applicable Local Authority Code of Publicity made under the Local Government Act 1986.”</p>

<p>"You must not bully any person."</p> <p>"You must not intimidate or attempt to intimidate any person who is or is likely to be a complainant, a witness or involved in the administration of any investigation or proceedings in relation to an allegation that a member (including yourself) has failed to comply with his or her authority's code of conduct."</p> <p>"You must not do anything which compromises or is likely to compromise the integrity of those who work for or on behalf of your authority."</p> <p>"You must not do anything which may cause your authority to breach any of the equality enactments (as defined in section 33 of the Equality Act 2006.)"</p> <p>"You must treat others with respect."</p>	<p>"Always treating people with respect, including organisations and the public I engage with and those I work alongside."</p> <p>"Valuing my colleagues and staff and engaging with them in an appropriate manner and one which underpins the mutual respect between us that is essential to good local government."</p> <p>"Dealing with representations or enquiries from residents, members of our communities and visitors fairly, appropriately and impartially."</p>	<p>"You must not prevent another person having access to information to which that person is entitled."</p>
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