

# St ENDELLION PARISH COUNCIL

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## CODE OF CONDUCT

### 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 St Endellion Parish Councillors are governed by the Code of Conduct for Members, a copy of which should be held by all Members. All Members are expected to abide by the Code at all times, whilst conducting themselves as Councillors.

NOTE – copies of the Code are available from the Clerk.

### 2 GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC LIFE

- 2.1 The Localism Act 2011 requires the Council to adopt a Code of Conduct for Members that is consistent with the following principles:

2.1.1 **Selflessness** – members should serve only the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person.

2.1.2 **Honesty and integrity** – members should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned, should not behave improperly, and should on all occasions avoid the appearance of such behaviour.

2.1.3 **Objectivity** – members should make decisions on merit, including when making appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards or benefits.

2.1.4 **Accountability** – members should be accountable to the public for their actions and the manner in which they carry out their responsibilities, and should co-operate fully and honestly with any scrutiny appropriate to their particular office.

2.1.5 **Openness** – members should be as open as possible about their actions and those of their authority, and should be prepared to give reasons for those actions.

2.1.6 **Leadership** – members should promote and support these principles by leadership, and by example, and should act in a way that secures or preserves public confidence.

- 2.1.7 St Endellion Parish Council also expects its Members to observe the following principles:

2.1.8 **Personal judgement** – members may take account of the views of others, including their political groups, but should reach their own conclusions on the issues before them and act in accordance with those conclusions.

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2.1.9 **Respect for others** – members should promote equality by not discriminating unlawfully against any person, and by treating people with respect, regardless of their race, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability. They should respect the impartiality and integrity of the authority's statutory officers and its other employees.

Members should be respectful of one another in their endeavours.

2.1.10 **Duty to uphold the law** – members should uphold the law and, on all occasions, act in accordance with the trust that the public is entitled to place in them.

2.1.11 **Stewardship** – members should do whatever they are able to do to ensure that their authorities use their resources prudently, and in accordance with the law.

2.2 Whilst these overriding principles are not formally part of the Code of Conduct they underpin the purpose and provisions of the Code of Conduct and are principles in accordance with which Members should conduct themselves.

2.3 It is the policy of St Endellion Parish Council to encourage Members to undertake Code of Conduct training, when it is available.

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