



The Code of Conduct for Councillors and Co-Opted Councillors

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Part 1: General Obligations

Councillors of Stantonbury Parish Council must:

1. provide leadership to the authority and communities within its area, by personal example;
2. respect others and not bully any person;
3. not do anything which may cause the Authority to breach its equality duties;
4. not do anything which compromises or is likely to compromise the impartiality of those who work for, or on behalf of, the Authority;
5. respect the confidentiality of information received by them as a Councillor:-
 - (a) not disclosing information to third parties unless
 - (i) required by law to do so; or
 - (ii) where there is a clear and overriding public interest in doing so and the disclosure is made in good faith and in compliance with the reasonable requirements of the Council; and
 - (b) not obstructing third parties' legal rights of access to information;
6. not conduct themselves in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing their office or the Authority into disrepute;
7. not use or attempt to use their position as a Councillor improperly to confer on or secure for themselves or for any other person, an advantage or disadvantage;
8. when using or authorising the use by others of the resources of the Authority;
 - (a) act in accordance with the Authority's reasonable requirements; and
 - (b) ensure that such resources are not used improperly for political purposes (including party political purposes);
9. exercise their own independent judgement, taking decisions for good and substantial reasons:-
 - (a) attaching appropriate weight to all relevant considerations including, where appropriate, public opinion and the views of political groups;
 - (b) paying due regard to the advice of Officers, in particular to the advice of the statutory chief Officers and specifically the Chief Finance

Officer and the Monitoring Officer in fulfilling their roles; and

(c) stating the reasons for decisions where those reasons are not otherwise apparent;

10. submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office; and

11. whilst exercising their duties, ensure that they uphold the rule of law.