

## Telford & Wrekin Council's Councillors' Code of Conduct

### Standards of Conduct

Members (including all voting co-opted members) of Telford & Wrekin Council will at all times promote and maintain high standards of conduct when they are acting in that capacity. To do this:-

<p>✓ Members should serve only the public interest and should treat everyone that they deal with equally and with respect.</p> <p><i>Link to co-operative value of Fairness and Respect</i></p>	Selflessness
<p>✓ Members should not place themselves in a position where they either are or give the appearance that they are under any financial or other obligation to anyone that might seek to influence them in the performance of their duties as a Member.</p> <p>✓ Members should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family or their friends</p> <p>✓ Members should only use the resources of the Authority in accordance with reasonable requirements set out for their use from time to time</p> <p>✓ Members should declare and resolve their interests in accordance with the law and with the provisions of this Code of Conduct</p> <p>✓ Members should declare gifts and hospitality that they receive in accordance with the Council's Rules on Gifts and Hospitality</p> <p><i>Link to co-operative value of Fairness and Respect</i></p>	Integrity
<p>✓ Members should act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.</p> <p><i>Link to co-operative value of Fairness and Respect</i></p>	Objectivity
<p>✓ Members should be accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and should co-operate fully with any scrutiny appropriate to their particular role or office.</p> <p><i>Link to co-operative value of Ownership</i></p>	Accountability
<p>✓ Members should be as open as possible about their decisions and actions and should give reasons for their decisions and actions. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for doing so and which they can reasonably be expected to know is either exempt or confidential and is not to be disclosed to protect the wider public interest.</p> <p><i>Link to co-operative value of Openness and Involvement</i></p>	Openness
<p>✓ Holders of public office should be truthful.</p> <p>✓ Members have a duty to declare any private interests that relate to their duties as a Member and do whatever is necessary to resolve any such conflict in a way that protects the public interest</p> <p><i>Link to co-operative value of Honesty</i></p>	Honesty
<p>✓ Holders of public office should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs</p>	Leadership