

In endorsing this code I support the principle that the democratic role entrusted to me must be delivered in selfless service that seeks to make a positive difference in the lives of those I serve and the wider world.

Investors In Democracy - Code Of Conduct/Covenant To The Electorate

Proposed Standard/Code Of Conduct:

Members Of Parliament/Elected Representatives

As a holder or prospective holder of public office I promise to support, promote and uphold at all times the following standards:

1. To act solely in the public interest as specified within the seven principles of public life* in both spirit and compliance: Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership. *(The Nolan/Neill Committee recommendations – UK House Of Commons on standards In Public Life)
2. To comply with in terms of accuracy, compliance, timeliness and without mis-interpretation all current standards and codes of conduct including register of interests and statutory requirements of the appropriate public office.
3. To preserve existing democratic processes and promote development of enhanced democratic processes in all aspects of public life and politics in particular. (As an Investor In Democracy)
4. To support the rights and democratic will of the people I serve, unswayed by inappropriate commercial, career or political pressures.
5. To protect and uphold the principles of rule of law, respect for all people, valuing and protecting human rights, liberty, freedom of expression and democracy.
6. To respect and uphold the principles of equal opportunity in all matters of public office and for all the people served by me.
7. To respect and uphold appropriate protection of the countryside and environment in the area I serve and the world in general.
8. Not to seek or accept personal financial benefit or gifts in kind other than those which are intended to be passed over in their entirety to the benefit of the broader community with no gain to myself, family, or friends.
9. In respect of above I will accept no new remunerated directorships or consultancy roles after taking up public office except roles directly benefiting the community and not adversely affecting my input to, or performance in public service.
10. To provide regular and open access to the people I serve to make full use of my services and to hold me to account. This could be in the form of regular and confidential surgeries or public forums to meet the needs of the people served.
11. To uphold the principles of freedom of information and openness at all times and encourage others to scrutinise inappropriate activities of public concern.
12. Be committed to working within an ethical and moral framework in public office to promote and deliver benefits to people both locally and in the wider world community

Name:.....

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Constituency/location:.....

Status/Role:.....