

## THE CURRENT PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC LIFE

The current seven principles of public life are contained in Appendix A of the Members' Code of Conduct and are as follows:-

### **1. Selflessness**

Members should serve only in the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person.

### **2. Integrity**

Members should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned. Members should not behave improperly and should on all occasions avoid the appearance of such behaviour.

### **3. Objectivity**

Members should make decisions on merit, including when making appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards or benefits.

### **4. Accountability**

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

### **5. Openness**

Members should be as open as possible about their actions and those of the authority and should be prepared to give reasons for those actions.

### **6. Honesty**

Members should be as open as possible about all 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.

### **7. Leadership**

Members should promote and support these principles of leadership, and by example, should act in a way that secures or preserves public confidence.