

Code of Conduct and Behavior

Fair and open conduct at all times

Both the Local Government Act and a Local Government's Code of Conduct ensure that councillors behave fairly and openly at all times.

This code must be reviewed within six months of each general election and applies to all councillors and special committee members. It must include:

- Rules of Conduct as set out in the Local Government Act
- Procedures to be followed for disclosure and conflict of interests
- Processes to resolve disputes between councillors
- Caretaker procedures that will apply during an election period.

The Code of Conduct can also reflect the values of the local community, concerns of citizens and aspirations of the council. It aims to uphold basic principles of ethical and legal behaviour, as well as optimise the professional, accountable and effective participation of each councillor.