

ANTI FRAUD & CORRUPTION POLICY STATEMENT



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WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

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1. The Council is committed to the proper accountability of public funds and to maintaining an honest, open and well-intentioned atmosphere within the organisation. We are against any kind of fraud, theft and corruption. The following practices are illegal:
 - Using public funds improperly;
 - Disadvantaging other people for your own personal gain.All members and employees, together with people and organisations working closely with us must set high personal and professional standards.
2. All members and employees must help the Council apply this policy. They must do this by making sure they follow the Nolan principles and working to discourage, prevent and punish fraud and corruption by others. The Nolan principles are selflessness; integrity; objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty & leadership.
3. The authority condemns fraud and corruption in public life, and expects holders of public office and its employees to:
 - Take decisions solely in pursuance of the Council's statutory functions and in the public interest to the exclusion of private and personal interest
 - Not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might influence or be perceived to influence them in the performance of their duties
 - In carrying out public duties, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for awards and benefits, to make choices on merit in accordance with defined guidelines
 - To be accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office
 - To be as open as possible to the public about all their decisions and actions and submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office
 - To be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take; to give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands
 - To declare any private interest which is relevant to their public duties
 - To take positive steps to resolve any conflicts of interest in a way that first protects the public interest and maintains public confidence; and to ask for advice from senior management in any case of doubt
 - To promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

Our Strategy against theft, fraud and corruption sets out the ways in which we will achieve this. You can get a copy from your Head of Service.