

## **PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC LIFE**

Board Members are expected to adhere to the Nine Principles of Public Life and act at all times in good faith and in the best interests of learners:

### **Public Service**

You have a duty to act in the interests of the Council of which you are a member and in accordance with the core tasks of the Council.

### **Selflessness**

You have a duty to take decisions solely in terms of public interest. You must not act in order to gain financial or other material benefit for yourself, family or friends.

### **Integrity**

You must not place yourself under any financial, or other, obligation to any individual or organisation that might reasonably be thought to influence you in the performance of your duties.

### **Objectivity**

You must make decisions solely on merit when carrying out public business.

### **Accountability and Stewardship**

You are accountable for your decisions and actions to the public. You have a duty to consider issues on their merits, taking account of the views of others and must ensure that the Council uses its resources prudently and in accordance with the law.

### **Openness**

You have a duty to be as open as possible about your decisions and actions giving reasons for your decisions and restricting information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

### **Honesty**

You have a duty to act honestly. You must declare any private interests relating to your public duties and take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

### **Leadership**

You have a duty to promote and support these principles by leadership and example, to maintain and strengthen the public's trust and confidence in the integrity of the Council and its Members in conducting public business.

### **Respect**

You must respect fellow members and employees of the Council and the role they play, treating them with courtesy at all times.