

Councillors are subject to rules about how they conduct themselves in meeting, public life and any time they are representing the council², they also have to abide by statutory rules regarding financial and personal interests for transparency. Councillors must also consider their behaviour and Standing Orders for their conduct at meetings, they are also encouraged to attend training to further develop their skills and knowledge.

They are required to adhere to the council's code of conduct for elected members. Each council adopts its own code, but it must be based on the Committee on Standards in Public Life's [seven principles of public life](#). Developed by the Nolan Committee, they looked at how to improve ethical standards in public life, and are often referred to as the Nolan principles.

In accordance with the localism act Councillors are committed to behave in a manner that is consistent with the following principles to achieve best value for Albrighton's residents and maintain public confidence in the council, failure to abide by these would be a breach of the Code of Conduct.

- Integrity
- Objectivity
- Openness
- Honesty
- Accountability
- Leadership
- Selflessness

In addition, all Councillors must register any disclosable pecuniary interests² for themselves, their spouse or a partner they live with, within 28 days of taking up office. It is a criminal offence if they fail, without reasonable excuse, to declare or register interests to the monitoring officer.

They should also declare any non-pecuniary interest which is nonetheless so significant that a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard it to be significant and could materially impact upon your judgement of the public interest.

¹ Localism Act 2011 s27(1)1

² Disclosable Pecuniary Interests S.30 (3) of the 2011 Act