

MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council



Standards in Public Life

This Council notes with grave concern the apparent lowering of standards of behaviour in some areas of public life. Particularly, a culture and desire to water down the commitment to the Nolan principles. Something which has been key to high standards in public life for the last 25 years.

Upholding standards in public life is key to public confidence in our institutions. It is central to accountability and to our democratic system of government both nationally and locally. Lowering the bar of probity can only undermine our democracy.

As democratically elected Councillors we are governed by those very principles of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, transparency, honesty, and leadership in the public interest. The Nolan principles are used widely in all aspects of public office and are as relevant today as they were 25 years ago when they were established.

As Councillors and as a Council we should reiterate our belief and commitment to high standards and the Council resolves to request the Leader to write to the Prime Minister and with copies to our three MPs expressing concerns that the lowering of the bar of probity, seen in national government, is undermining the fabric of democracy and public confidence in it.

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