

# **Civility & Respect – Councillor’s Statement of Assurance**

## **Non-confidential**

Report by: Parish Clerk

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Council resolved to sign up to the Civility & Respect Pledge in October 2022 (minute reference 105/M/22).

We have had a number of new councillors join since then and now seems an appropriate time to remind council about it.

The Improvement and Development Board (IDB)<sup>1</sup> has now introduced the Councillor’s Statement of Assurance (see next page).

*“This initiative strengthens our commitment to creating positive, supportive and respectful parish and town council environments.*

*While parish and town councils can demonstrate their organisational commitment by signing the Civility and Respect Pledge, councillors themselves must also personally commit to upholding these values in their daily work and interactions.*

*Councillors who lead with civility and respect set the tone for their council and help ensure that council meetings and decision-making are effective, inclusive and fair.*

*The statement is not a legal document or contractual obligation. It is a public affirmation of personal values and conduct.*

*Together, the Councillor’s Statement of Assurance and the Civility and Respect Pledge give parish and town councils and councillors the tools to create a positive and professional culture.”*

### **Recommendation**

Council considers whether to further commit to Civility & Respect by its councillors individually signing the Statement of Assurance.

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<sup>1</sup> A national organisation that aims to support county associations, SLCC branches, and county training partnerships by providing strategic direction and collaboration on improvement and development initiatives.



IN COLLABORATION WITH SLCC, NALC, OVW, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

## Councillor's Statement of Assurance

I confirm that I have read the council's Code of Conduct, including the principles of public life, and understand my obligations and the behaviour expected of me whenever I am acting as a councillor.

Understanding my duties as a councillor, I will adopt the principles of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership. I will also:

- Behave respectfully towards others, including those I disagree with.
- Uphold the values identified in my council's Code of Conduct.
- Attend training required by the council as part of my role as a councillor.

Signed

Name

Date