

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT - SCHEDULE 2

### CODE OF CONDUCT – CORE PROVISIONS - SECTION 78

1. Honesty and Integrity

A member must act honestly and with integrity in performing official functions.

2. Care and Diligence

A member must act with reasonable care and diligence in performing official functions.

3. Courtesy

A member must act with courtesy towards other members, Council staff, electors and members of the public.

4. Conduct Towards Council Staff

A member must not direct, reprimand, or interfere in the management of, Council staff.

5. Respect for Cultural Diversity

A member must respect cultural diversity and must not therefore discriminate against others, or the opinions of others, on the ground of their cultural background.

6. Conflict of Interest

A member must, if possible, avoid conflict of interest between the member's private interests and official functions and responsibilities. Where a conflict in fact exists, the member must comply with the member's statutory obligations of disclosure.

7. Respect for Confidences

A member must respect the confidentiality of information obtained in confidence in the member's official capacity. A member must not make improper use of confidential information obtained in an official capacity to gain a private benefit or to cause harm to another.

8. Gifts

A member must not solicit or encourage gifts or private benefits from any person who might have an interest in obtaining a benefit from the Council.

9. Accountability

A member must be prepared at all times to account for the member's performance as a member and the member's use of Council resources.

10. Interests of Municipality, Region or Shire to be Paramount

A member must act in what the member genuinely believes to be the best interests of the municipality, region or shire. In particular, a member must seek to ensure that the member's decisions and actions are based on an honest, reasonable, and properly informed judgment about what will best advance the best interests of the municipality, region or shire.