# LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct training pack – Resources

### (correct as at September 2023)

## LGA core documents

* [Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020](https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct-2020)
* [Guidance on Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct](https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct)
* [Guidance on Member Model Code of Conduct Complaints Handling](https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-member-model-code-conduct-complaints-handling)

## Other LGA materials

* [Social media dos and don’ts](https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/guidance-and-resources/communications-support/digital-councils/social-media/get-started/dos-and-donts)
* [Councillors’ guide to handling abuse on social media](https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/communications-and-community-engagement/social-media-guidance-councillors)
* [Councillors’ guide to a handling abuse and intimidation](https://www.local.gov.uk/councillors-guide-handling-harassment-abuse-and-intimidation)
* [Councillor workbook on councillor/officer relations](https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/11.213_A_councillor%27s_workbook_on_councillor_x3A_officer_relationships_v04.pdf)

## Useful case references

(see Speaker’s notes)

* [Porter v Magill [2001] UKHL 35](https://www.bailii.org/uk/cases/UKHL/2001/67.html): The accepted definition of bias
* [R v Commissioner for Local Government ex parte Liverpool City Council [2000] EWCA Civ 54](https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2000/54.html): Predetermination and the use of whipping
* [Bovis Homes v New Forest District Council [2002] EWHC 483](https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2002/483.html): Bias in the role of the Chair of a planning committee
* [R (Island Farm Development Ltd) v Bridgend County Borough Council [2006] EWHC 2189 (Admin](https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2006/2189.html)): Predetermination based on pre-election manifesto commitments
* [Persimmon Homes Teeside Ltd v R (Lewis) [2008] EWCA Civ 746](https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2008/746.html): Bias and predetermination (including consideration of the pre-election period)
* [R (Calver) v Adjudication Panel for Wales and the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales [2012] EWHC 1172 (Admin](https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2012/1172.html)): Welsh case involving sarcastic, lampooning comments and free speech (Note that this case, and the Heesom case below, are based on the Welsh standards legislation, so are not directly applicable to England, but they review useful principles and definitions).
* [Dennehy R (on the application of) v London Borough of Ealing [2013] EWHC 4102 (Admin](https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2013/4102.html)): Standards and free speech
* [IM Properties Development Ltd v Lichfield DC [2014] EWHC 2440 (Admin](https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2014/2440.html)): Predetermination based on statements by a group leader to his members
* [Heesom v Public Services Ombudsman for Wales [2014] EWHC 1504](https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2014/1504.html): Free speech, respect, bullying and compromising the impartiality of officers.
* [Kelton v Wiltshire Council [2015] EWHC 2853 (Admin)](https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2015/2853.html): Appearance of bias based on a committee member’s private interests
* [R (Harvey) v Ledbury Town Council [2018] EWHC 1151 (Admin)](https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2018/1151.html): Complaints against councillors have to be dealt with through the procedure in the Localism Act 2011
* [Robinson R (on the application of) v Buckinghamshire Council [2021] EWHC 2014 (Admin](https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2021/2014.html)): Standards and free speech

## Useful material from other jurisdictions

But note significant differences in the codes of conduct for Wales and Scotland compared to the LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct in England

* [Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Guidance on the Code of Conduct May 2021](https://www.ombudsman.wales/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Code-of-Conduct-Guidance-CC-CBC-NPA-PCP.pdf)
* [Standards Commission for Scotland – Freedom of Expression. Advice Note on the Application of Article 10 of the ECHR and the Model Code of Conduct](https://www.standardscommissionscotland.org.uk/uploads/files/1507196880171005FINALMembersAdviceNoteonApplicationofArticle10ofECHR.pdf)

## Committee on Standards in Public Life reports

* [Committee on Standards in Public Life – Ethical Standards in Local Government](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/777315/6.4896_CO_CSPL_Command_Paper_on_Local_Government_Standards_v4_WEB.PDF)

## Other useful links

* [MHCLG Report on Interventions Intervention report](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/addressing-cultural-and-governance-failings-in-local-authorities-lessons-from-recent-interventions/addressing-cultural-and-governance-failings-in-local-authorities-lessons-from-recent-interventions)

## Your council’s own documents