

Code of conduct policy: Lewisham Pension Board

Lewisham Pension Board adopts the existing code of conduct policy set out by Lewisham Council. The Local Pension Board will keep this code of conduct under regular review.

Members of the Local Pension Board who are councillors must comply with any separate code of conduct and disclosure requirements which apply to them in their capacity as councillors. The Local Pension Board's code of conduct is not an exhaustive statement of the standards of behaviour required of Board members.

The Lewisham Pension Board adopts the Seven Principles of Public Life: which are:

- **Selflessness** - Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other benefits for themselves, their family or their friends.
- **Integrity** - Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their official duties.
- **Objectivity** - In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.
- **Accountability** - Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.
- **Openness** - Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands it.
- **Honesty** - Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.
- **Leadership** - Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

As members of a publicly-funded body involved in the discharge of public business, all members of a Local Pension Board should comply with these principles in the exercise of their functions. They require the highest standards of conduct.