

# LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct Training Pack

## Resource Document

(correct as at xxxx 2022)

<b>LGA core documents</b>	
LGA Model Code	<a href="#">The Model Code</a>
LGA Guidance on Model Code	<a href="#">The Guidance</a>
LGA Guidance on Model Code of Conduct – Complaints Handling	<a href="#">Guidance on Complaints Handling</a>
<b>Other LGA Material</b>	
Social media dos and don'ts	<a href="#">Social media dos and don'ts</a>
Handling abuse on social media	<a href="#">Handling abuse on social media</a>
Councillors' guide to handling intimidation	<a href="#">Handling intimidation</a>
Councillor workbook: councillor/officer relations	<a href="#">Effective councillor/officer relations</a>

<b>Useful case references</b> <b>(see Speaker's notes)</b>	
Porter v Magill [2001] UKHL 35	The accepted definition of bias <a href="#">Porter v Magill</a>
R v Commissioner for Local Government ex parte Liverpool City Council [2000] EWCA Civ 54	Predetermination and the use of whipping <a href="#">Liverpool City Council case</a>
Bovis Homes v New Forest District Council [2002] EWHC 483	Bias in the role of the Chair of a planning committee <a href="#">Bovis v New Forest DC</a>
R (Island Farm Development Ltd) v Bridgend County Borough Council [2006] EWHC 2189 (Admin)	Predetermination based on pre-election manifesto commitments <a href="#">Island Farm case</a>
Persimmon Homes Teeside Ltd v R (Lewis) [2008] EWCA Civ 746	Bias and predetermination (including consideration of the pre-election period) <a href="#">Persimmon Homes case</a>
R (Calver) v Adjudication Panel for Wales and the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales [2012] EWHC 1172 (Admin)	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). <a href="#">Calver case</a>
Dennehy R (on the application of) v London Borough of Ealing [2013] EWHC 4102 (Admin)	Standards and free speech <a href="#">Dennehy case</a>

IM Properties Development Ltd v Lichfield DC [2014] EWHC 2440 (Admin)	Predetermination based on statements by a group leader to his members <a href="#">Lichfield DC case</a>
Heesom v Public Services Ombudsman for Wales [2014] EWHC 1504	Free speech, respect, bullying and compromising the impartiality of officers. <a href="#">Heesom case</a>
Kelton v Wiltshire Council [2015] EWHC 2853 (Admin)	Appearance of bias based on a committee member's private interests <a href="#">Kelton v Wiltshire</a>
R (Harvey) v Ledbury Town Council [2018] EWHC 1151 (Admin)	Complaints against councillors have to be dealt with through the procedure in the Localism Act 2011 <a href="#">Harvey case</a>
Robinson R (on the application of) v Buckinghamshire Council [2021] EWHC 2014 (Admin)	Standards and free speech <a href="#">Robinson v Buckinghamshire</a>
<b>Useful material from other jurisdictions</b>	(But note significant differences in the codes of conduct for Wales and Scotland compared to the LGA Model Code in England)
Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Guidance on the Code of Conduct May 2021	<a href="#">PSOW Guidance</a>
Standards Commission for Scotland – Freedom of Expression. Advice Note on the Application of Article 10 of the ECHR and the Model Code of Conduct	<a href="#">Scottish Advice Note on Article 10</a>

<b>Committee on Standards in Public Life Report</b>	
Committee on Standards in Public Life – Ethical Standards in Local Government	<a href="#">CSPL Report</a>
<b>Other useful links</b>	
MHCLG Report on Interventions	<a href="#">Intervention report</a>
<b>Your council's own documents</b>	