

# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATIVES

#### Purpose

This Code sets out the standards of conduct expected when you represent the CCE Committee at meetings or similar volunteer representative roles.

### **Core Principles**

As a volunteer representative, you should:

### Act with integrity and honesty

- Be truthful in all your communications
- Act in the best interests of those you represent and the wider community

#### Treat everyone with respect

- Be polite and courteous to councillors, council staff, and fellow representatives
- Engage in constructive debate without personal attacks
- Value different viewpoints and experiences

#### Maintain confidentiality

- Respect any information shared in confidence during meetings
- Do not share personal details of individuals discussed in meetings

### Declare conflicts of interest

- If you have a personal interest in a matter being discussed that could affect your judgment, tell the meeting chair
- This includes financial interests or close personal relationships relevant to the discussion

### Represent views fairly

- Present the views of your site/association accurately
- Distinguish between your personal opinions and the collective views you represent
- Report back to your site/association on relevant meeting outcomes

#### What this means in practice

- Attend meetings prepared and ready to contribute constructively
- Follow meeting protocols and respect the chair's guidance
- Ask questions to understand issues fully
- Focus on finding solutions that work for everyone
- Respect that you are in an advisory role final decisions rest with the Council



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# Getting help

If you're unsure about any aspect of this Code or have concerns about conduct at meetings, speak to:

- The meeting chair
- The Council's Executive Officer (Sarah Eden)

## Review

This Code will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant and helpful.