

Design Review Panel Code Of Conduct, 2012 - 2013

Key Principles underpinning this Code of Conduct

The Hammersmith and Fulham Design Review Panel has adopted a Code of Conduct based upon the best practice recommendations of the Nolan Report on Standards in Public Life.

The Seven Nolan Principles of Public Life:

Selflessness

Holders of public office should take decisions solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other material 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 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 reason for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

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.

Breach of Code of Conduct

A breach of this Code of Conduct will be followed by a verbal warning from the Chair on behalf of the Panel.

Ongoing failure to comply with the Code of Conduct will be followed by a written warning from the Chair on behalf of the Panel.

If a panel member still fails to comply with the Code of Conduct and / or cannot offer a satisfactory explanation for his / her behaviour a motion will be put to the Panel to suspend the person from the Panel. Future participation by that person will be dependent on a commitment being given in writing to the Chair that such behaviour will not recur.

Any panel member can and should alert the rest of the Panel of a breach in the Code of Conduct by raising this issue with the Chair and/or the Council officer either at the time or immediately after a meeting. A breach of this Code of Conduct is understood as follows:

- A breach of any of the nine rules outlined above as judged by a majority of the Panel's members.

Declaration

I accept and agree to abide by the rules set out in this Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct and understand that if I breach any of these rules, I may be asked to leave the Hammersmith and Fulham Design Review Panel.

Name.....

Signed.....

Date.....