

Motion in the names of Councillors Bernstein, Lancaster, McBriar & Vernon.

This Council notes that:

1. The Nolan Principles – also known as the Seven Principles of Public Life – were established in 1995 by the Committee on Standards in Public Life to provide a framework for ethical conduct by all who serve the public.
2. The principles are:
 - Selflessness
 - Integrity
 - Objectivity
 - Accountability
 - Openness
 - Honesty
 - Leadership
3. These principles underpin the standards expected of all elected members, public servants, and those involved in public life, regardless of political affiliation.
4. Recent concerns, nationally and locally, regarding the erosion of public trust in politics underscore the importance of these principles being upheld and visibly reinforced by political parties and elected representatives at all levels.

This Council believes that:

1. The political parties and elected representatives have a duty to set an example in adhering to the highest ethical standards.
2. That the Nolan Principles must not merely be referenced in codes of conduct, but actively demonstrated in political behaviour, candidate selection, internal governance, and public discourse.
3. That trust in local democracy is damaged when any group, party, or individual is seen to act in a way that undermines these fundamental principles.

This Council resolves to:

1. Reaffirm this council's commitment to the Nolan Principles of Public Life and expect all councillors, officers, and parties represented in Bury Council to uphold them at all times.
2. Call on all political parties operating within Bury to publicly commit to the Nolan Principles, to incorporate them clearly into their selection and disciplinary processes, and to take active steps to promote standards in public life.
3. Request that the Chief Executive writes to the leaders of all political groups represented on Bury Council and to local constituency party chairs, enclosing

a copy of this motion and inviting them to make a public statement reaffirming their commitment to the Nolan Principles.

4. Publish this motion on the Council's website and share it with local media to demonstrate the Council's united stance on integrity in public life.