

# UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ('the Council')

## CODE OF CONDUCT

1. This code of conduct is adopted pursuant to the Council's duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by members and co-opted members<sup>1</sup> of the Council.
2. This code applies to you as a member or co-opted member of this Council when you act in that role and it is your responsibility to comply with the provisions of this code.

### Selflessness

3. You must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself.

### Objectivity

4. In carrying out public business you must make decisions on merit, including when making appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards or benefits.

### Accountability

5. You are accountable for your decisions and actions to the public and must submit yourself to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to your office.

### Openness

6. You must be as open as possible about your actions and those of your council, and must be prepared to give reasons for those actions.

### Honesty and Integrity

7. You must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned, must not behave improperly and must on all occasions avoid the appearance of such behaviour.

### Leadership

8. You must promote and support high standards of conduct when serving in your public post, in particular as characterised by the above requirements, by leadership and example in a way that secures or preserves public confidence.

### General Obligations

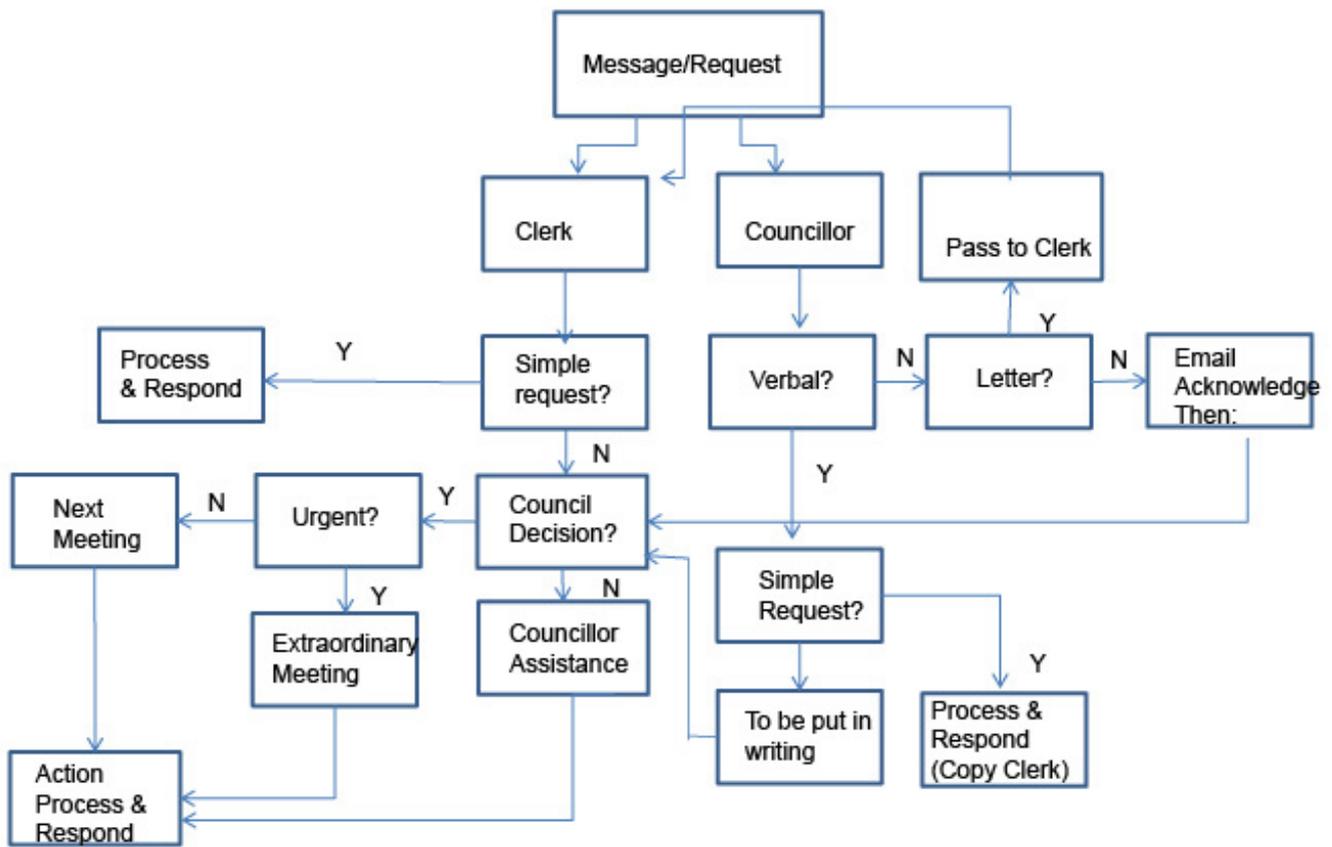
9. You must treat others with respect and ensure that you are aware of and comply with all legal obligations that apply to you as a member or co-opted member of the Council and act within the law;
10. You must not bully any person.

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<sup>1</sup> A "co-opted member" for the purpose of this code is, as defined in the Localism Act section 27 (4) "a person who is not a member of the council but who

- a) is a member of any committee or sub-committee of the council, or
- b) is a member of, and represents the council on, any joint committee or joint sub-committee of the council;

and who is entitled to vote on any question that falls to be decided at any meeting of that committee or sub committee".



Appendix to Code of Conduct Revised June 2018