

ROLE OF INDEPENDENT PERSON – STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Responsible to: The Council

Liaison with: Monitoring Officer, Officers and Councillors of the District Council, and Town and Parish Councillors within the district.

1. To assist the Council in promoting high standards of conduct by elected and co-opted Councillors of Stroud District Council and Town and Parish councils in the district and in particular to uphold the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council and the seven principles of public office, namely selflessness, honesty, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness and leadership. The Code of Conduct forms part of the Council's constitution which is available on the Council's website.
2. To be available for consultation by the Monitoring Officer before a decision is taken as to whether to investigate a complaint or to seek local resolution of the same.
3. To be available to attend meetings of the Standards Sub-Committee with responsibility for conduct issues before it makes a decision on an investigated allegation.
4. To be available for consultation on disciplinary matters relating to the Council's Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer before a decision is taken by the Council to dismiss the above statutory officers.
5. To develop a sound understanding of the ethical framework as it operates within Stroud District Council and its Town and Parish councils.
6. To participate in training events to develop skills, knowledge and experience.