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Role Profile of All Councillors

- To collectively be the ultimate policy-makers and carry out a number of strategic and corporate management functions fulfilling statutory and any additional locally determined requirements including participating effectively as a member of any committee to which the councillor is appointed;
- To represent their communities to the Council and vice-versa and bring their views into the Council's decision-making process, i.e. become the advocate of and for their communities;
- To effectively represent the interests of their ward and the interests of individual constituents;
- To respond to constituents' enquiries and representations fairly and impartially;
- To balance different interests identified within their ward and represent the ward as a whole;
- To be involved in decision-making;
- To participate in councillor training and development;
- To be available to represent the Council on other bodies developing and maintaining a working knowledge of the authority's policies and practices in relation to the bodies;
- To maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethics and comply with all the relevant Codes of Conduct and protocols;
- To develop and maintain a working knowledge of the Council's services, management, arrangements, powers, duties and constraints and develop good working relationships with the relevant officers of the Council;
- To contribute constructively to open government and modernisation through active encouragement to the community to participate in the governance of the district;
- To participate in the activities of any political group of which the councillor is a member;
- To champion the causes which best relate to the interests and sustainability of the community and campaign for the improvement of the quality of life of the community in terms of equality, economy and environment.