

MODEL AGREEMENT TO STAND

This is an agreement between [] Constituency Association and [] (Candidate) setting out the expectations on each of them arising from []'s (Candidate's) adoption as an official Conservative local government candidate. Each party agrees that the expectations will govern the relationship between them during []'s (Candidate's) service as a candidate and, if elected, as Councillor.

Councillors (and, where appropriate, Candidates):

- ✓ Must be members of the Party; of the Conservative Councillors' Association; and members of the official Conservative Group of every principal council of which they are a member.
- ✓ Must play a full, active and constructive part in their local Association(s) and Branch(es) during the whole of their period of office, including campaigning, membership development, fundraising, social and political activities.
- ✓ Where their personal financial circumstances allow, should make a financial contribution to the Party (whether through subscription, donation, support in kind or otherwise) which recognises their position as leading activists in the voluntary party. Such contributions may be to their Branch(es), Association(s) or Council Group, or a combination of them.
- ✓ Are visible representatives of the Party whose conduct and statements impact directly on the reputation of the Party and must conduct themselves in the best interests of the Party.
- ✓ Must diligently attend and participate in meetings of the Conservative Group and Full Council and such other Committees and Bodies to which they are appointed by the Council.
- ✓ Must handle constituency casework in an efficient, helpful and professional way and participate appropriately in local and community activities.
- ✓ Must be proactive in providing material to support the Association or Group's literature campaigns, website or media strategy.
- ✓ Must co-operate fully with the Party's campaign strategy for elections including giving mutual aid to other Conservative candidates when asked and, when themselves a candidate, complying with the requirements of the duly appointed election agent.

The Association(s) will support Councillors (and, where appropriate, Candidates) by:

- ✓ Ensuring an open, fair and consistent selection process.
- ✓ Providing appropriate training.
- ✓ Producing both election and peace-time literature and material in accordance with an agreed strategy.
- ✓ Endeavouring to maintain effective organisation both centrally and through a branch network to support Councillors and Candidates in their work.
- ✓ Maintaining a website with pages available for use by Councillors.

The Association may indicate a financial contribution Councillors are invited to pay towards the support they receive in that capacity and in their election campaigns but shall not directly relate such contribution to any allowances received by the Councillor from public monies nor use a reasonable refusal to pay such a sum as evidence in a re-selection process. Any such invitation shall take into account any financial contribution made by the Councillor to the Council Group for campaigning purposes.

Signature:

Date:

(Councillor/Candidate)

Signature:

Date:

(on behalf of the Association)