



Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

Code of Conduct

This Code applies to the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) when acting or representing that role.

This code does not apply when the PCC is acting in a purely private capacity.

Use of resources

I agree: -

- a) Not to use the resources of the elected local policing body for my personal benefit or for the benefit of myself, my friends, or any other person in relation to any business interest of mine.
- b) Not to use the resources of the elected local policing body improperly for political purposes (including party political purposes).
- c) To claim expenses and allowances only in accordance with the published expenses and allowances scheme of the elected local policing body.

Register of Disclosable Interests

(including those arising in relation to gifts and hospitality and those of a pecuniary nature)

I agree: -

- a) To act solely in the public interest and in exercising the functions of my office not to act to gain financial or other benefits for myself, my family, my friends, or any person in relation to any business of mine or use or attempt to use my office to confer or secure for any person, including myself, an advantage or a disadvantage.
- b) Within 28 days of taking office to enter in the register of disclosable interests maintained by the monitoring officer of the elected local policing body every disclosable interest as set out in the Schedule.
- c) Within 28 days of any change in circumstances to enter in the register of interests the changes in so far as are related to disclosable interests.



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- d) If the nature of the interest is such that I and the Monitoring Officer consider that disclosure could lead to me or a person connected with me being subject to violence or intimidation, then any entry in the register should not include details of the interest but should indicate that the interest has been disclosed and is withheld by virtue of this section.

Conflicts of interests

In any case where the interests of exercising the functions of my office may conflict with any disclosable or other interest, which has become known to me, I shall as soon as possible declare such conflict as is required in accordance with the policy issued under Para 3 of the Elected Local Policing Body (Specified Information) Order 2011 and determine whether the conflict of interest is so substantial that the function should not be exercised personally but should be delegated or dealt with in some other manner to ensure the conflict of interest does not arise.

Disclosure of information

I agree: -

- a) not to disclose information given to me in confidence or information acquired by me which is of a confidential nature, unless I have the consent of a person authorised to give it or I am required by law to do so or for the lawful purposes of my office provided that I shall not be prevented from disclosure to a third party for the purpose of obtaining professional legal advice where the third party agrees not to disclose the information to any other person;
- b) that any disclosure made by me shall be reasonable, be in the public interest and made in good faith.
- c) not to prevent another person from gaining access to information to which that person is entitled by law.

Gifts and Hospitality

The register of interests and gifts and hospitality shall be published on the elected policing body's website.



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The Seven Nolan Principles of Public Life

The Committee on Standards in Public Life promotes high standards of behaviour in the public sphere through the Seven Principles of Public Life enunciated by the Nolan Committee.

The Policing Protocol states that all parties will abide by the Seven Nolan Principles set out by the Committee for Standards in Public Life. The Committee recommends them for the benefit of all who serve the public in any way.

Declaration

I have adopted this code and have agreed to abide by its provisions.

I agree to abide by the "Nolan Principles" which are set out above.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Bourne', written in a cursive style.

Katy Bourne, OBE

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Date: 4 MARCH 2026

