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JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE
MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

Introduction

1. This Code of Conduct applies to members of the Joint Independent Audit Committee ("the Committee").

Principles

2. As a member of the Committee I shall have regard to the following Principles of Public Life as advocated by Lord Nolan's committee and the standards of behaviour expected in respect thereof:

Selflessness
Holders of public office should take decisions solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends.

Integrity
Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might influence them in the performance of their official duties.

Objectivity
In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.

Accountability
Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.

Openness
Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

Honesty
Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

Leadership
Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

3. Accordingly, when I act in my capacity as a member of the Committee:

(a) I will act solely in the public interest and will never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person or act to gain financial or other material benefits for myself, my family, a friend or close associate.

(b) I will not place myself under a financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence me in the performance of my official duties.

(c) I am accountable for my decisions to the public and I will co-operate fully with whatever scrutiny is appropriate to my membership of the Committee.

(d) I will be as open as possible about my decisions and actions and the decisions and actions of the Committee and will be prepared to give reasons for those decisions and actions.

(e) I will declare any private interests that relate to and / or may impact on my public duties and will take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest, including registering and declaring interests in a manner conforming with the procedures set out in section 3 below.

(f) I will, when using or authorising the use by others of the resources of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire, ensure that such resources are not used improperly.

(g) I will promote and support high standards of conduct.

4. Registering and Declaring Interests

(a) I will, within 28 days of taking up my position as a member of the Committee, notify the Monitoring Officer to the Police and Crime Commissioner of any disclosable interests as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State, where the interest is mine, or that of any Related Parties. Related Parties being my partner, my business partner, a close family member, a friend or any other person in relation to any other business interest of mine.

(b) I will disclose any interest to any meeting of the Committee at which I am present, where I have a disclosable interest in any matter being considered and where the matter is not a 'sensitive interest[1].

(c) Following any disclosure of an interest not on the Register of Disclosable Interests or the subject of pending notification, I will notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days beginning with the date of disclosure.

(d) Unless dispensation has been granted by the Monitoring Officer, I will not participate in any discussion on, vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which I have an interest. I will observe the restrictions placed on my involvement in matters where I have an interest.

I agree to abide by the provisions detailed in this Code of Conduct:

Signed……..
Member of the Joint Independent Audit Committee

Date……

[1] A 'sensitive interest' is described in s.32 of the Localism Act 2011 as an interest, the nature of which is such that the member of the Committee and the Monitoring Officer consider that disclosure of the details of the interest could lead to the member or a person connected with the member, being subject to violence or intimidation. Where such an interest is entered in the Register of Disclosable Interests, copies of the Register that are made available for inspection, and any published version of the Register, must not include details of the interest (but may state that the member has an interest the details of which are withheld under this section).