



## **Mission Statement.**

It is the duty of Stamford Town Council, on behalf of its electorate, to maximise the efficiency, productivity and revenue generating potential of all its assets to provide a platform from which it can effectively discharge its community role and functions in an economic and sustainable fashion and at optimal cost to the communities it serves.

In fulfilling this responsibility the Town Council will:

1. Work with other principal authorities and organisations to provide greater benefits for the Town.
2. Open doors of opportunity and seek investment to increase the Town's success
3. Value the civic role and recognise its potential for the Town
4. Encourage equal opportunities for all citizens within the community
5. Network with those who can bring benefit and prestige to the Town
6. Recognise those individuals and organisations who have brought credit to the Town
7. Receive visitors to the Town promoting its historic past and exciting future
8. Create opportunities for the Town Mayor to represent the Town at home, nationally and internationally acting as an "Ambassador" for Stamford.
9. Promote public involvement in the Council's activities
10. Uphold and promote the purposes of the Town Council's Constitution

In addition to their ceremonial role, the Mayor will be responsible for presiding over meetings of the Town Council and will ensure that the meetings follow the procedures set out in Standing Orders, and that they serve as forums for debate on matters of concern to the local community.



## CODE OF CONDUCT

Stamford Town Council has adopted this Code which sets out the expected behaviour required of its Members or co-opted Members and acknowledge that they each have a responsibility to represent the community and work constructively with staff and partner organisations to secure better social, economic and environmental outcomes for all.

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (the Act), all Members of Stamford Town Council must be committed to behaving in a manner that is consistent with the following principles to achieve best value for our residents and maintain public confidence in this Authority.

**SELFLESSNESS:** Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest. They should not act 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 which might seek to 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 alone.

**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. In particular, members should always treat people with respect including those working for this Authority, other organisations and members of the public.