

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND THE LANCASHIRE LPC

The LPC accepted in March 2014 the following guiding principles for members of the Committee:

Accountability - Members of the LPC are accountable for their decisions and actions to contractors and the public and therefore submit to scrutiny.

Openness - Members should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions they take. They should give reasons for their decisions, and restrict information only for short term tactical reasons, or when the wider public interest clearly demands.

Honesty - Members have a clear duty to declare any private interest relating to their LPC duties, and take steps to resolve any conflicts arising.

Leadership - Members should promote and support the above principles by leadership and by example.

Representativeness (Selflessness) - members must reflect the interests of the contractors who elected or appointed them to the LPC, and must make decisions in the interests of the general body of contractors; they must not make decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, family or friends.

Integrity - members must not put themselves under any obligation that might influence their performance on the LPC or their ability to reflect the interests of the contractors who elected or appointed them or to make decisions in the interests of the general body of contractors.

Objectivity - in making decisions and in carrying out the business of the LPC members should act within the constitution and make decisions only on merit.

Note

The effect of the principles of Representativeness and Integrity is that the nominating bodies can mandate the member to express a view, but cannot bind him in how he votes or decides on a particular issue. This means the member can hear and participate in debate, and is free to amend his view in the light of the debate. He will no doubt then reflect back to the relevant body why he made the decision he did, recognising his accountability.