



19 December 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1538/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request / Response:

1. Does the council have a formal policy in place for maternity, paternity, adoption and kinship care for all councillors? If yes, please provide a copy.

Answer:

Rutland County Council does not have such a policy in place.

2. If no, does the council have any informal arrangements in place by which it would make provisions for maternity, paternity, adoption and kinship care for all councillors?

Answer:

Rutland County Council can grant a dispensation for non-attendance should this be necessary and there would be no impact on a Councillor Allowance in such circumstances. The Council positively supports members with facilities appropriate to their needs and seeks view in relation to meeting times to enable member involvement whatever their needs.

3. Does the council have a formal policy in place for maternity, paternity, adoption and kinship care for councillors with a Special Responsibility Allowance? If yes, please provide a copy

Answer:

Rutland County Council does not have such a policy in place.

4. If no, does the council have any informal arrangements in place by which it would make provisions for maternity, paternity, adoption and kinship care for councillors with a Special Responsibility Allowance?

Answer:

Rutland County Council does not have such an arrangement in place.

5. Does the council have a formal standards committee?

Answer:

Yes, the Conduct Committee is responsible for promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by members of the authority.



6. Does the council have a formal role to oversee member conduct and promote equality (e.g. chair of the standards committee, chief whip, etc)?

Answer:

Yes, Rutland County Council has a Chair of Conduct Committee. The Council also appoints an Independent Person to promote and maintain high standards of conduct amongst its members and town and parish councillors. The statutory role of Monitoring Officer also has responsibility for matters relating to conduct of Councillors.

7. Does the council's code of conduct under section 27(2) of the Localism Act 2011 make any reference to promoting equality or tackling sexism?

Answer:

Full details of the Rutland County Council Members Code of Conduct can be found at the link below:

<https://rutlandcounty.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s9320/Part%205%20-%202.%20Codes%20and%20Protocols%20-%20Members%20Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf>

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Yours faithfully

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