



# Good Governance Policy

## Introduction

Illogan Parish Council is committed to upholding high standards of governance, accountability, and transparency in serving the local community. This policy outlines the principles and practices that guide the effective and ethical operation of the Council.

## Core Principles of Good Governance

The Parish Council adheres to the following principles:

- **Integrity:** Acting honestly and ethically in all dealings.
- **Accountability:** Being responsible for decisions and actions.
- **Transparency:** Ensuring openness and access to information.
- **Inclusivity:** Engaging with and representing the whole community.
- **Effectiveness:** Making informed decisions that best serve local needs.
- **Lawfulness:** Operating within the legal framework governing parish councils.

## Roles and Responsibilities

- **Councillors:** Are expected to act in the best interests of the parish, adhere to the Code of Conduct, and participate actively in council business.
- **Chairperson:** Provides leadership, ensures meetings are conducted effectively, and represents the council in official matters.
- **Clerk:** Acts as the proper officer, ensuring records are kept, decisions are implemented, and legal obligations are met.

## Decision-Making and Meetings

- Meetings will be held regularly, with agendas and minutes published for public access.
- Decisions will be made collectively and in an open manner, ensuring residents' voices are considered.
- Conflicts of interest must be declared and managed appropriately.

## Financial Governance



- The Council will maintain sound financial management and comply with financial regulations.
- Budgets, expenditures, and audits will be publicly available to ensure accountability.
- Any procurement will follow best practices for fairness and value for money.

### **Community Engagement**

- The Council will actively seek input from residents through consultations, surveys, and public meetings.
- Communication channels such as newsletters, websites, and social media will be used to keep the community informed.

### **Ethical Conduct and Conflict of Interest**

- All members will adhere to the Council's Code of Conduct.
- Personal and financial interests must be disclosed, and members must recuse themselves from relevant discussions.

### **Risk Management and Compliance**

- The Council will identify and mitigate risks that may affect operations and service delivery.
- Legal and regulatory compliance will be reviewed periodically to ensure adherence.

### **Training and Development**

- Councillors and staff will be encouraged to undertake training to enhance their knowledge and effectiveness.
- Induction programs will be provided for new members.

### **Review and Amendments**

- This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness.
- Amendments may be made by resolution of the Council following consultation.

<b>Review Date</b>	<b>Reviewed By</b>	<b>Amendments</b>	<b>Minute Number</b>

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