



### **Candidates Code of Conduct**

The Veterans' and People's Party (The Party) considers that the actions and behaviour of approved candidates and elected members will be subject to greater scrutiny than that of ordinary members of the public or of the Party. Approved candidates and elected members should be aware that their actions in both their public and private life might have an adverse impact not only on their own reputation but also on that of the Party.

Behaviour which is dishonest, deceitful, unlawful, violent or threatening in their public or private life may constitute bringing the Party into disrepute, being grounds for permanent removal from the list of approved candidates and may result in removal of the Party Whip, suspension and or exclusion from the Party and/or deselection as the Party's elected member.

In order to qualify for inclusion on the list of approved candidates, and to serve as one of the Party's elected members, members must sign up to the following code of conduct which will remain in effect for as long as the individual is a candidate of the Party or an elected member thereof.

Failing to follow this code of conduct will constitute prima facie grounds for the removal from the list of approved candidates and/or other disciplinary action as laid out above, in addition to those rules laid out in the Constitution and Standing Orders of the Party.

In addition, if elected, failing to follow this code of conduct may result in the Whip being withdrawn, exclusion from Party membership and/or deselection.

1. You must treat others with respect and must not bully or intimidate any Party member, member of Party staff, member of Parliamentary staff, Party volunteer or member of the public.
2. You must act in such a way as to promote the values of the Veterans' and People's Party and must not act in a way that is contrary to the interests or values of the Party.
3. You must complete any declarations of private interest that the Party requires and, if elected, must complete the Official Register of Interests or equivalent as supplied to Members and any declaration required by the Electoral Commission.

4. You must at all times comply with the current versions of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 and the Representation of the People Act 1983 and any other relevant legislation, and must provide information regarding expenses or donations as required by the Party.
5. You must at all times comply with the Party's data protection and data security policies when dealing with any data to which you may be given access by the Party.
6. You must abide by the Party's internal selection and election rules, and by any other Code of Conduct that has been signed up to by the Party.
7. You must not bring, or risk bringing, the Party into disrepute.