

The Charter of the Association of Labour Councillors

1. Labour councillors seek to represent their communities effectively and to be accessible to their electors through holding regular advice surgeries and/or an advertised advice hotline.
2. Labour councillors work in partnership with their communities through active contact and co-operation with local residents and tenants groups, amenity societies and clubs, schools, business groups and other community forums.
3. Labour councillors keep their electors informed of their work, campaigns and achievements through regular party newsletters.
4. Labour councillors actively campaign for measures that will secure stronger and safer communities for local people, a high quality of life and effective and responsive delivery of services.
5. Labour councillors undertake their official duties on the council and any committees to best represent their electors and the people of the borough/ district / county as a whole.
6. Labour councillors play a leading and constructive role in the local branch parties for the ward they represent, providing regular reports and being central to campaigning activities.
7. Labour councillors work fully within the Labour group of councillors to pursue Labour's programme and policies most effectively. They abide by group rules and standing orders and participate in the affairs of the relevant local government Labour party.
8. Labour councillors adopt the highest standards of probity in public life, seeking to serve the community without personal gain. They follow the national code of conduct in local government and declare interests wherever relevant.
9. Labour councillors expect a proper and appropriate level of support to enable them to be effective representatives of the community and carry out their role on the council. This support and training should be provided on an all-party basis by local authorities and their associations, and on a political and campaigning level by the Association of Labour Councillors and regional and national offices of the party.
10. Labour councillors must be able to act as effective advocates, campaigners and representatives while still enjoying a private and working life. The group and local party will support individual councillors to assist in maintaining the balance.

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