

Statement of Business Ethics – Summary of key differences

A summary of the key differences between the proposed Inner West Council Statement of Business Ethics and the pre-amalgamation council Statements of Business Ethics’:

Former Council Policy	Provision	Commentary
Ashfield Council & Leichhardt Council	<p>Development Applications</p> <p>Leichhardt: <i>Development Applications: Throughout the Development Application process, all parties, including councillors and officers should understand that Council in its formal role in determining a Development Application has to consider the matters prescribed by legislation in a way that is open and transparent and in a manner seen to be fair to all parties. All those involved in assessing and determining applications will treat all aspects of the process in a fair and ethical manner.</i></p> <p>Ashfield: <i>Development applications Throughout the development application process all parties, including Councillors, staff and delegates, should understand that Council in its formal role in determining a development application has to consider the matters prescribed in legislation in a way that is open and transparent and is seen to be fair to all parties involved. Support or otherwise for proposals for applications, including objections to a proposal, may be seen to influence the decision making process. Councillors, staff and delegates should not be expected to offer support or otherwise for any party associated with the development application process. Councillors and staff are professional people and will treat all aspects of the development application process in a professional and ethical manner.</i></p>	<p>The Statement of Business Ethics is a framework for suppliers and contractors in the supply of goods and services to Council. The framework around DA processes is better suited elsewhere.</p>

Leichhardt Council	<p>Political Donations</p> <p><i>Political Donations:</i> <i>The law requires those persons who have a financial interest in, or have made a submission in relation to, a Development Application or a planning instrument, disclose certain information about political donations and other gifts. This is a mandatory requirement if a donation has been made to a Councillor or a Council officer within the previous two years of the application or submission.</i></p>	The clause primarily about donations around Development Applications, is addressed by legislation, and not considered appropriate for this Statement.
Leichhardt Council	<p>Corporate Information</p> <p><i>Corporate Information:</i> <i>The Council maintains a large amount of information about its customers and the community. Council has obligations under the provisions of legislation such as the Local Government Act, the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2010, the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records Information Privacy Act 2002 in regard to the way it collects, stores, and determines whether to allow access to that information.</i> <i>It is expected that customers will treat all information appropriately and all information collected must be used for the purpose it was provided. Before disclosing any information acquired through your dealings with the Council, you should seek the advice of the Council as to whether it considers any confidentiality clauses or copyright provisions apply.</i></p>	This clause is primarily about GIPA and is better placed in a Public Access to Information Held by Council Policy.
Marrickville Council	<p>Our Goals and Values</p> <p>Council's vision is for Marrickville to be a great place for all people. This simple statement reflects the importance that Council has placed on the value of a diverse, tolerant and harmonious community. Council's role is to exercise leadership and build community strength. This reflects Council's commitment to work with citizens to</p>	The Corporate Values of the Inner West Council are considered internal and not appropriate for Suppliers and Contractors conducting business with Council.

	<p>improve their quality of life, to enhance the look and feel of the area and to create a future in which all citizens belong and play a part.</p> <p>Council's goals are for social capital, sustainability, active citizenship and value-for-money. These goals reflect Council's belief that successful communities are ones where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · people like living, feel safe and included, share a sense of pride and ownership, have good access to services and support and have many opportunities to socialise and mix with other citizens (<i>social capital</i>); · people feel a sense of responsibility, respect the rights of others to a clean and healthy environment, and help to protect and enhance air, soil, water and vegetation resources for the benefit of future generations (sustainability); · people contribute to civic life, take an active interest in community issues and become involved in creating a vital future for their area and community (<i>citizenship</i>); and · people trust their council to exercise leadership, work with citizens to achieve results for their community, and direct their programs at meeting community priorities (<i>value-for-money</i>). 	
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