

University Code of Conduct for Governors

The behaviours and conduct expected from Governors can be found in the following documents:

1. Sector wide requirements:

Committee of University Chairs (CUC) Higher Education Code of Governance 2020:

<https://www.universitychairs.ac.uk/publications/>

OfS Regulatory Framework for Higher Education in England, Conditions of Registration Public interest principles:

<https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/regulatory-framework-for-higher-education-in-england/annex-b-public-interest-governance-principles/>

2. University Constitutional Documents:

Standing Orders of the Board of Governors and its Committees:

<https://www.port.ac.uk/about-us/structure-and-governance/our-people/board-of-governors>

Instrument of Government of the University of Portsmouth:

<http://policies.docstore.port.ac.uk/policy-096.pdf>

Articles of Government of the University of Portsmouth:

<https://policies.docstore.port.ac.uk/policy-097.pdf>

Statement of Primary Responsibilities:

<https://www.port.ac.uk/about-us/structure-and-governance/our-people/board-of-governors>

Governor Handbook:

Issued upon appointment, not currently available on the website.

3. Governors actions and values are covered by University Policies found at:

<https://www.port.ac.uk/about-us/structure-and-governance/policies-and-standards>

In particular:

Data Protection Policy: <https://policies.docstore.port.ac.uk/policy-022.pdf>

Freedom of Speech Code: <https://policies.docstore.port.ac.uk/policy-032.pdf>

Gifts and Hospitality Policy: <https://policies.docstore.port.ac.uk/policy-093.pdf>

Whistleblowing Policy: <https://policies.docstore.port.ac.uk/policy-067.pdf>

University Strategy: <https://www.port.ac.uk/about-us/our-ambition/our-strategy> Governors are expected to familiarise themselves with these documents.

If a governing body member falls short of these standards, potential breaches should be brought to the attention of the Clerk/Chair of the Board and after investigation, appropriate action taken in accordance with the Standing Orders.