

Investors In Democracy (Version 1)

Key Aim: A Parliament of MPs with high standards, originating from all sectors of our society, serving selflessly the consensus will of their electorate for the common good:

MPs or prospective MPs would:

- ❑ **Endorse/sign a 12 point contract** of selfless public service to the electorate represented.
- ❑ **Agree not to accept any other paid employment**, consultancy or commercial/personal benefits whilst in post. (Exception being unpaid charitable/community benefit roles)
- ❑ **Not have financial interests** in businesses benefiting from public funding decisions associated with Parliamentary lobbying.
- ❑ **Serve against 6 agreed principles** of defined political service for common good aims.
- ❑ **Serve to an agreed job description** and defined aims of politics with periodic reviews of performance and achievement by the constituents served.
- ❑ **Be free from party whip dictates** and vote in Parliamentary sessions following the consensus will of the constituents (as far as it is practical re consultation time-scales)
- ❑ **Produce/implement a constituency development plan** with all local stakeholders with clear aims for the constituency represented.
- ❑ **Support a revived Parliament truly reflecting the social mix of society** ensuring the country is not governed by career focussed politicians or very wealthy MPs whom the electorate believe are out of touch with the electorate.
- ❑ **Agree to work with other (opposition) parties and independents** to develop long term (eg 10 years) consensus agreed strategy/policies on key issues such as energy supply, healthcare etc.
- ❑ **Have access to training/development** to enhance MP service performance and achievement.

An Investor In Democracy: Is any citizen or elected representative who supports principles within a framework that underpins world-class political service and democratic excellence. Built on a structure of high public service standards evolving and developing to meet the consensus will of the electorate.

The Investor In Democracy Standard: Is a proposed national/international standard for consideration by citizens in existing or emerging democracies across the world. The word Democracy originates from ancient Greece – *‘demokratia’* meaning the *‘rule of the people’*. By the nature of democracy all democratic movements/nations will have different structures and systems that reflect the unique needs of each country and their democratic origins and development.

Democratic Vision: The people must lead and the politicians must follow. A political evolution in a 2020 vision achieved by implementing electorate approved democratic renewal. A true consensus democracy built on world-class foundations of high public service standards. Putting people first before party, political or personal career. Political representation is the power entrusted to the few to serve selflessly for the good of the many. Politics should therefore be the democratic platform founded on public service excellence that strives by consensus to deliver rights, peace, humanity and ultimately successful societies.