

## Proposed Investors In Democracy (IID) Standard & Framework:

### 1. IID Objectives

To develop a world-class democratic standard and political framework designed for the people, totally accountable to the people, which strives for best value positive outcomes, quality of life, rights and humanity for the common good of individuals, communities, all mankind and planet Earth.

### 2. IID Principles

Investor In Democracy Politics should be based on six linked key principles:

**Aims Defined:** to define/agree the broad service aims of the role and outcomes expected from elected representatives of the people.

**Commitment:** politicians to selflessly serve to put people first above political party/personal advancement to manage resources and work for the common good of people represented, all mankind and planet Earth.

**Policy development:** formulated wherever possible in consultation with/reflecting the consensus/democratic will of the people.

**Planning:** to ensure in a cost effective and timely way that those agreed policies are translated into plans that are costed, practical and achievable. This will include establishing long-term strategies\* with consensus agreement from all parties and independents on key aspects of Government planning. (such as NHS, energy sourcing etc)

**Action:** to implement those policies within an agreed timeframe demonstrating best value achieved in those public monies spent.

**Evaluation:** of elected representatives/their policies and performance by the people at periodic intervals, (eg: four year Parliaments) and using such methods as periodic public forums, online consultations/surveys/annual reviews etc by existing and developing digital technology/social media etc.

### 3. IID Political Ethos Defined\*

Politics is the management of finite resources to meet the infinite needs of people and planet.

Politics is the power entrusted to the few to work solely for the common good of the many.

Politics should provide the foundation to make a positive difference to the lives of others.

Politics is the system that seeks to deliver the democratic will of the people.

Political structures must be a benchmark for world-class democratic excellence and standards in public service.

Political direction and policy making should be conducted within a citizen-focussed framework of consensus driven standards and objectives.

\* supported by developing a job description and/or service level agreement for the role of the politician.

#### **4. Investor In Democracy Development Proposals:**

**Consultation:** With the electorate/political stakeholders in democracy on aims. Leading to eventual development of the vision, framework and principles by the electorate, political parties/movements and independents.

**Think Tank:** A citizen led think-tank established. An overarching centre/resource for political and democratic development.

**IPADE:** A development resource to build skills and high standards for current and future representatives of the people: The Institute of **P**olitical and **D**emocratic **E**xcellence.

**Investor In Democracy Standard:** An agreed vision, a framework and citizen focussed standard for individuals seeking public office/serving as representatives of the people.

**Code Of Conduct/Covenant:** A professional service standard for politicians to endorse/be evaluated on, which defines the electorate expectations of the standards and service required of the elected representative.

**Shadow Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards:** independent from the political establishment/elected and supported by stakeholders in democracy.

**An agreed/published politician Job Description/service level expectations backed with annual reviews/appraisals by constituent input:** eg web voting/digital democracy.

**The People's Vote:** To support above - a web-site/social media facility for the electorate to present initiatives, appraise politicians etc and vote by email/text etc on local/regional/national/international issues and policies.

**Constituency (Area or region) Development Plan:** with clear objectives/milestones drafted by politician and support team in consultation with local stakeholders within first year of political office.

**Fixed Terms Of Parliament - Four Years:** to allow regular review of MP and Government performance by the electorate.

**Facility for recall of MP and by-election:** triggered by agreed consensus in the constituency that the MP is not providing the service levels, commitment and standards expected by the local electorate.

**Shadow MP facility in constituency:** As needs arise Eg: If MP is unable to deliver a constituency focus and presence.

**Vested Interest Safeguards:** To enforce/strengthen restrictions on public servants – (MPs/Ministers/civil servants) taking up paid positions\*/accepting payments or benefits whilst in public office (\*eg: as consultants/directors/employees etc in any company/organisation, which they in their public service role have, or would potentially have influence in the award of contracts etc).

**Value For Money Safeguards:** To introduce reasonable safeguards/freedom of information provision to ensure elected representatives - MPs and Ministers etc (and civil servants) do not spend/waste public monies on extravagant goods, services and unnecessary trips eg: abroad without ensuring that such expenditure is reasonable, productive, value for money and reported on.

**Consensus Community Resource Database\*:** To encourage supporters of democratic renewal (Inc. Political party members etc) to register voluntary offers of support/expertise to the community. \*(Please Note: This Initiative previously rejected by two main British political parties)