

Mission, Policies and Code of Conduct – 24/11/2008 V2.0

Introduction

OFE pursues the vision of an open, competitive choice for IT users. To that end policies and a Code of Conduct have been adopted in order to:

- define the standards which OFE requires of staff, Council and SIG members;
- make clear to all the high standards with which they will be expected to comply;
- make Governments, Public Sector, Businesses, Consumers, and other Official Bodies aware of the principles and high standards promoted by OFE.

Public Statements

OFE statements will make clear that do not necessary reflect the views of all, or seeks to represent any specific community, nor presents its opinions as being unanimously supported by its full memberships.

Policy

By using effective leadership and management OFE will:

- actively promote the vision to government and business;
- monitor governments positions, support or inform as appropriate;
- set up think tanks to test strategic thinking;
- set up action programmes to implement OFE strategy;
 - standards
 - emerging technology
 - education and training
 - public sector
 - small businesses
- mentor and provide support systems for key influencers;
- identify like minded organisations to network and cooperate;
- establish research programmes to identify issues, audit compliance or monitor uptake;
- take on projects that further the development of the vision.

Code of Conduct

The Code is binding on all OFE staff, Council and SIG members and shall be subscribed to by all as a condition of employment/membership.

OFE requires staff, Council and SIG members to:

- promote the aims of OFE and conduct themselves in a professional manner so as to reflect credit on OFE;
- use all proper means to promote the mission of OFE and to extend its sphere of influence;
- respect any confidence gained by them from OFE or at Executive Council or SIG meetings;
- make statements or recommendations in a professional capacity objectively and fairly;
- ensure that OFE statements or papers produced by them meet professional standards;
- avoid statements that reflect upon the character or integrity of individuals or organisations;
- carry out their duties equitably in an open and accountable way;
- be polite and supportive in dealing with others, personal abuse is unacceptable.