



**Future
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Forum**

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Purpose

This Policy sets out the principles for seeking and accepting funding into The Future Governance Forum (FGF) in order to ensure that FGF maintains its position and reputation as an independent non-partisan think tank.

Context

The Future Governance Forum is a not-for-profit private company limited by guarantee and without share capital, with an asset-lock to ensure all donated funds are used to further its objects and mission. FGF is registered at Companies House under the 1985 Companies Act and is not registered with the Electoral Commission.

FGF's objects are to research, discuss and promote new forms of progressive governance, policy and delivery solutions across UK national, devolved and local government. We do that by researching and developing new ideas and using our convening powers to test and iterate them in practice.

Scope

This policy applies to the following categories of funding:

- Unrestricted donations, gifts and monies to advance FGF's objects, mission and goals.
- Donations towards specific projects that are included in FGF's approved medium term strategy and annual business plan.
- Sponsorship of events and activities.
- Subscriptions for membership of the FGF Business Panel and similar future ventures.

Principles

In seeking and accepting any form of funding, FGF will adhere to the following principles:

1. In line with the UK Bribery Act 2010, FGF will take every appropriate step to ensure that acceptance of any funding does not lead to, or imply, any inappropriate advantage to the donor.
2. FGF will comply with the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, the Terrorism Act 2000 and the Money Laundering Regulations 2007 under which it is an offence to receive, retain or convert money or property known or reasonably suspected to be the product of criminal activity.
3. FGF will not accept funding from any organisation who may seek as a condition of that funding to exercise undue influence over FGF's activities, culture or position as an independent non-partisan Think Tank.



4. FGF will remain objective and independent at all times in its research, reports and other activities.
5. FGF is free to enter into funding agreements with companies who may be in competition with each other. Should a potential funder require exclusivity in its sponsorship of, or partnership with, FGF, a premium will be applied in recognition of that exclusivity.
6. FGF will not accept funding where:
 - a. The source of the funds has not been clarified
 - b. Funds may have been illegally obtained
 - c. Acceptance may damage the reputation of FGF and/or run counter to its mission and values.
 - d. The donation requires any work that may be considered propaganda or which seeks to promote one political party over another.
 - e. The funder's requirements may result in their seeking to influence FGF's integrity, objectivity or intellectual rigour.
 - f. Acceptance may give rise to an unacceptable conflict of interests
 - g. The funds are too difficult or too expensive to administer and/or could create an unacceptable liability or future expense
 - h. Any aspect of the donation fails to meet the requirements of the Equalities Act 2010.
7. FGF believes that it is in the best interest of the company to make donors visible. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, donors' names will be listed on the FGF website.

Decision-making

The FGF Board will have the ultimate decision on whether to accept donations to FGF that are consistent with the company's objects, medium term strategy, annual business plan and published policies. The Board has the discretion to consider other factors relevant to the company's best interests.

The Board may delegate that responsibility to the Executive Director, who will report back to the Board at each meeting.