

Article 9 - The Standards Committee

9.01 Standards Committee

The Council will establish a Standards Committee which shall meet on 2 occasions per municipal year and any other time necessary shall be set up on an ad hoc basis.

9.02 Composition

- (a) **Membership.** The Standards Committee will be composed of 10 Councillors.
- (b) **Chairing the committee.** The Committee will appoint a Chair at the first meeting of each municipal year.

9.03 Role and Function

The Standards Committee will have the following roles and functions:

- (a) promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Councillors, co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives;
- (b) assisting the Councillors and co-opted members, and church and parent governor representatives to observe the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (c) advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (d) monitoring the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (e) advising, training or arranging to train Councillors and co-opted members, and church and parent governor representatives on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (f) determining appeals against the decision of the Monitoring Officer in relation to written requests for dispensations by Councillors, co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct;

- (g) dealing with any reports from the Monitoring Officer on any matter, and in particular, determining whether a breach of the Code by any Member has taken place and determining what action, if any, to take in respect of that breach;
- (h) the exercise of (f) and (g) above in relation to the parish councils wholly within the Borough;
- (i) To consider and make recommendations on such other matters as the Committee itself thinks appropriate or which are referred to it by Council, which further the aim of promoting and maintaining the highest standards of conduct within the Authority;
- (j) monitoring and reviewing as necessary the operation of whistleblowing procedures.