

# **Article 9 - The Standards Committee**

## **9.01 Standards Committee**

The Council has established a Standards Committee.

## **9.02 Composition**

The Standards Committee will be composed of Councillors (who may not include the Leader) and persons who are not Councillors or Officers of the Council or any other body having a standards committee (the independent members). The independent members will be entitled to vote at meetings and the Committee will be chaired by one of the independent members.

## **9.03 Roles, Terms of Reference and Functions**

The Standards Committee will have as its terms of reference, exercising 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, 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, co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (f) granting dispensations to Councillors, co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives from requirements relating to private and personal interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct;

- ( ) dealing with any reports from a case tribunal or interim case tribunal, and any report from the Monitoring Officer on any matter which is referred by an Ethical Standards Officer (see 12.03 (d)) to the Monitoring Officer;
  
- ( ) a general overview of ethical issues in relation to the Authority, including in particular any investigations undertaken, and reports issued, by the Local Government Ombudsman;

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- (j) advising the Council on any amendments to its Constitution which might be desirable in the light of issues concerned with ethics and conduct;
- (k) the Standards Committee investigate, afford the Member a hearing, and may then advise the Member as to what action they should take. Should the member subsequently fail to take such action, they may be censured by the Standards Committee

*Note: (a) – (j) above are .  
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local choice.*

#### **8.4 Membership**

Membership of the Standards Committee is set out in Part 3 of this Constitution.