

Standards Committee

- (a) To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Councillors and co-opted members;
- (b) to advise the Council on the adoption or revisions of its Code of Conduct, to monitor its operation and to assist Councillors and co-opted members in observing it;
- (c) to agree the local arrangements for the investigation of allegations that the Code of Conduct has been breached, and arrangements under which decisions on allegations can be made;
- (d) to arrange training and advice for Councillors and co-opted members on matters relating to the Council's Code of Conduct, and related probity issues;
- (e) to receive annual reports from the Monitoring Officer relating to complaints under the Code of Conduct, the Confidential Reporting Code and any other matters relating to conduct and propriety;
- (f) to consider reports and recommendations from the District Auditor relevant to the Code of Conduct and related probity issues;
- (g) to hear cases under the Council's procedure for dealing with complaints about Councillors' and co-opted members' conduct;
- (h) to make recommendations regarding the settlement of cases of maladministration;
- (i) to keep under review and make recommendations on the content of the Code of Conduct for colleagues and protocols in connection with Councillor/colleague relations;
- (j) granting dispensations to Councillors and co-opted members in relation to the Code of Conduct, as permitted by legislation;
- (k) to review the operation of the Council's Confidential Reporting Code and make recommendations for any changes to it;
- (l) to respond to consultation exercises carried out by government and other agencies on issues related to the work of the Committee;
- (m) to consider any other matters referred to it by the Monitoring Officer;
- (n) granting and supervising exemptions from political restriction.

The Committee is accountable to Council and has 8 members (politically balanced).

The Committee meets as and when required.