

Appendix 2 – Standards Committee Changes

The following changes shall be made

Article 9 – The Standards Committee

At 9.2 Composition insert a replacement (a)

‘(a) **Membership.** The Standards Committee will be composed of:

- three Councillors of the District Council – one from the Executive but excluding the Leader of the Council, one other from the majority party and one from the minority group(s) or non-aligned member(s)
- six persons who are not Councillors or Officers of the Council or any other body having a standards committee (Independent Members);
- three members of parish councils in the District (Parish Members)’

At 9.2 Composition insert a replacement (d)

‘(d) **Chairing the Committee.** An Independent Member must by law chair the Committee and any sub-committee of the Standards Committee. A Member of the Executive is not allowed by law to chair the Committee or any sub-committee of the Standards Committee’

At 9.2 Composition delete paragraphs (f) and (g) and insert a replacement paragraph (f) after (e)

(f) **Assessment Sub-Committee / Review Sub-Committee / Hearing Sub-Committee / Sub-Committee.** Where it is exercising its statutory functions it must consist of at least three members including one Independent Member and one member of the Council (and if the matter relates to a parish councillor or a former parish councillor, it must include at least one Parish Member). It must be chaired by an Independent Member.

At 9.3 Role and Function

Insert at (g) before the word ‘dealing’ the words ‘receiving through its Assessment Sub-Committee any written complaints about alleged breach of the Members’ Code of Conduct, discharging its section 57A of the Local Government Act 2000 functions through that Assessment Sub-Committee, receiving review requests through its Review Sub-Committee, discharging its section 57B of the Local Government Act 2000 functions through that Review Sub-Committee’

Insert at (g) at the end the following words ‘either by Committee or by Sub-Committee (including any functions specified in regulations 17 to 20 of The Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008’

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