

Article 7 – The Standards Committee

7.1 Standards Committee

The Council meeting will establish a Standards Committee.

7.2 Composition

The Standards Committee comprises 11 Council Members with two non-voting co-optees from the parish councils.

7.3 Role and Function

The role and functions of the Standards Committee are set out in Part 3A of the Constitution.

~~The Standards Committee will have the following roles and functions:~~

- ~~a. promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Members and Co-opted Members of the Council and Parish and Town Council Members;~~
- ~~b. assisting Members and Co-opted Members of the Council and Parish and Town Council Members to observe the Members' Code of Conduct and where appropriate, the Planning Code of Practice;~~
- ~~c. advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct and the Planning Code of Practice;~~
- ~~d. monitoring the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct and the Planning Code of Practice;~~
- ~~e. advising, training or arranging to train Members and Co-opted Members of the Council and Parish and Town Council Members on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct and Planning Code of Practice;~~
- ~~f. granting dispensations to Members and Co-opted Members of the Council from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct and Planning Code of Practice in circumstances where this function has not been delegated to the Monitoring Officer;~~
- ~~g. the assessment and/or referral for investigation of allegations of misconduct on the part of Members and Co-opted Members of the Council and Parish~~

~~and Town Council Members, if requested to undertake this function by the Monitoring Officer;~~

~~h. the determination of allegations of misconduct on the part of Members and Co-opted Members of the Council and Parish and Town Council Members;~~

~~i. dealing with any alleged breach by a Member of a Council Protocol, in accordance with procedures approved by the Committee;~~

~~j. overview of the Officers' Code of Conduct;~~

~~k. overview of the Protocol on Member / Officer Relations.~~