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- (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) to approve the arrangements under which allegations of a failure to comply with Council's Code of Conduct for Members can be investigated and decisions on allegations can be made, pursuant to section 28(6) of the Localism Act 2011.
- (h) <u>To approve the appointment of at least one independent person to</u> <u>discharge the functions set out in section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011.</u>
- 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;
- the determination of allegations of misconduct on the part of Members and Co-opted Members of the Council and Parish and Town Council Members;
- (k) dealing with any alleged breach by a Member of a Council Protocol, in accordance with procedures approved by the Committee;
- (I) overview of the Officers' Code of Conduct;
- (m) overview of the Protocol on Member / Officer Relations.