

Terms of Reference

The Standards Committee will have the following terms of reference:

- (a) promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by the mayor, councillors, co-opted members;
- (b) assisting councillors to observe the Council's Code of Conduct;
- (c) advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Council's Code of Conduct;
- (d) monitoring the operation of the Council's Code of Conduct;
- (e) advising, training or arranging to train councillors on matters relating to the Council's Code of Conduct;
- (f) granting dispensations to councillors from requirements relating to personal and prejudicial interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct, in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State;
- (g) dealing with any reports from a case tribunal or interim case tribunal, and any report from the monitoring officer on any matter and determining issues arising from such reports, in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State;
- (h) Conducting initial assessments, reviewing initial assessments where necessary, and hearing and determining cases referred to the Committee under the locally-based conduct regime in accordance with Regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (i) the exercise of (a) to (g) above in relation to parish councils wholly or partly in the Borough and the members of those parish Councils.
- (j) Overseeing the Council's constitution
- (k) Overseeing the Council's Complaints Procedure and issues relating to investigations by the Local Government Ombudsman
- (l) Hearing and determining applications by Council employees for exemptions from political restrictions under Section 3A of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 as amended.