

Appendix 1 – Revised Standards Committee Terms of Reference

<p>Standards Committee</p>	<p>The Standards Committee is responsible for promoting and maintaining high ethical standards at the Council. The Standards Committee will be responsible for the following functions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To review and maintain oversight of the Council's ethical governance arrangements and procedures and make reports and recommendations accordingly; 2. To review and maintain oversight of the conduct of Members and co-opted members of the Council and assist them in upholding high ethical standards; 3. To advise Full Council and its Committees on the adoption of a Members' Code of Conduct, codes of practice and protocols relating to ethical governance matters; 4. To hear and consider complaints made against Members and co-opted members made under the Code of Conduct, codes of practice or protocols; 5. To adopt procedures for considering complaints made under the Code of Conduct, codes of practice or protocols; 6. To consider whether to grant applications for dispensation to Members and co-opted members, in accordance with Members' Code of Conduct; and 7. To maintain oversight of ethical governance training provided to Members and co-opted members and make reports and recommendations accordingly. <p>1. Promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by the Elected Mayor, Councillors and co-opted members;</p> <p>2. Assisting the Elected Mayor, Councillors and co-opted members to observe the Members' Code of Conduct</p> <p>3. Advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct;</p> <p>4. Monitoring the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct;</p> <p>5. Monitoring progress of the Council's training and</p>
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Comment: This is a new clause.

Comment: Covered by the introduction and 1 above.

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	development programme for elected Members and voting co-opted members;	Comment: Covered by 7 above.
6.	Advising, training or arranging to train Councillors and voting co-opted members on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct and the ethical framework;	Comment: Covered by 7 above.
7.	Granting dispensations to the Elected Mayor, Councillors and voting co-opted members from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct;	Comment: Covered by 6 above.
8.	Monitoring the progress of the Council's Members Enquiry Protocol, Corporate Complaints Procedure and Local Government Ombudsman cases;	Comment: These functions will be moved to Executive and Governance and Resources Scrutiny Commission.
9.	Conducting an ethical governance audit on behalf of the Council;	Comment: Covered by 1 above.
10.	Advising the Council on codes and protocols forming the Council's ethical framework and its governance arrangements, monitoring the effectiveness of those arrangements and making reports and recommendations accordingly;	Comment: Covered by 3 above.
11.	Advising the Council on the adoption, alteration, review or amendment of any part of the Council's Constitution in so far as this affects ethical issues;	Comment: Covered by 1 and 3 above.
12.	Hearing complaints against Councillors and voting co-opted members arising from alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct and Codes of Practice;	Comment: Covered by 4 above.

The quorum for the Committee shall be two elected Members.