

## **Article 9 – The Standards Committee**

### **9.01 Standards Committee**

The Council will establish a Standards Committee.

### **9.02 Composition**

- (a) **Membership.** The Standards Committee will be composed of at least:
- ◆ two Councillors [other than the Leader];
  - ◆ one person who is not a Councillor or an officer of the Council or any other body having a Standards Committee (an Independent Member);
  - ◆ one Member of a Parish or Town Council wholly or mainly in the Council's area (a Parish or Town Member).
- (b) **Independent Members.** Independent Members will be entitled to vote at meetings;
- (c) **Parish or Town Members.** Parish and Town Members will be entitled to vote at meetings and at least one Parish or Town Member must be present when matters relating to Parish or Town Councils or their Members are being considered;
- (d) **Chairing the Committee.** A member of the Executive may not chair the Committee.

### **9.03 Role and Function**

The Standards Committee will have the following roles and functions:

- (a) promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Councillors and Co-opted Members;
- (b) assisting the Councillors and Co-opted Members to observe the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (c) advising the Council in the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (d) monitoring the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (e) advising, training or arranging to train Councillors and Co-opted Members on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (f) granting dispensations to Councillors and Co-opted Members from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct;

- (g) dealing with any reports from the Monitoring Officer on any matter which is referred by an ethical standards officer to the Monitoring Officer;
- (h) the exercise of (a) to (g) above in relation to the Parish and Town Councils wholly or mainly in its area and the Members of those Parish and Town Councils; and
- (i) Overview of the whistle blowing policy.