

Article 9 – The Standards Committee

9.1 Standards Committee

The Council will establish a Standards Committee.

9.2 Composition

(a) **Membership.** The Standards Committee will be composed of:

- seven Councillors;
- up to eight co-opted members who are not councillors or officers of the Council.

(b) **Co-opted Members.** Co-opted Members are not, by law, entitled to vote at meetings;

(c) **Chairing the Committee.** A Co-opted Member will chair the committee.

9.3 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 Code of Conduct for Members;
- (c) advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Code of Conduct for Members;
- (d) monitoring the operation of the Code of Conduct for Members;
- (e) advising, training or arranging to train Councillors and Co-opted Members on matters relating to the Code of Conduct for Members;
- (f) granting dispensations to Councillors and Co-opted Members from requirements relating to interests set out in the Code of Conduct for Members;
- (g) dealing with any reports from the Monitoring Officer on any matter relating to the standards of conduct of Councillors and Co-opted Members;
- (h) the appointment of sub committees for the purpose of discharging any of the Committee's functions including the consideration and determination of complaints of breaches of the Code of Conduct for Members;

- (i) consideration of the Members Allowances Scheme and recommendation to the Council.