

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 on 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 a case tribunal or interim case tribunal, and any report from the Monitoring Officer on any matter which is referred by an ethical standards officer or the Standards Sub-Committee to the Monitoring Officer;
- (h) The exercise of (a) to (g) above in relation to parish councils wholly or mainly in the Council's area and the members of those parish councils;
- (i) Oversight of the Constitution;
- (j) Overview of the whistle blowing policy; and
- (k) Overview of complaints handling and Ombudsman investigations.
- (l) To make recommendations to the Council regarding the making of payments or the provision of other benefits in cases of maladministration.
- (m) To make recommendations to the Council regarding the operation of the Members Allowance Scheme.
- (n) Dealing with applications made in relation to Politically Restricted Posts.