

APPENDIX 4

ARTICLE 9 – THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

9.01 Standards Committee

The Council has established a Standards Committee. Its functions are not within the remit of the Cabinet.

9.02 Membership

5 Council Members not including the Leader of the Council. The Committee will be politically balanced.

9.03 Terms of Reference

- (a) To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Councillors, Co-opted Members and Church and Parent Governor representatives;
- (b) To assist Councillors, Co-opted Members and Church and Parent Governor representatives to observe the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (c) To monitor the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (d) To grant dispensations to Councillors, Co-opted Members, Church and Parent Governor representatives on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (e) To consider and hear allegations into the alleged misconduct of Members.
- (f) To oversee the operation of the Officers' Code of Conduct
- (g) To consider periodic reports on a range of standards and ethics indicators
- (h) To consider appeals from staff concerning designations of Politically Restricted Posts under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009

9.04 Complaints

In the event that the Standards Committee is required to adjudicate on any issue coming before it, (including in particular, complaints of misconduct against Members or co-opted members of the Council), any such adjudication will be undertaken in accordance with procedures as set out in the Standards Committee Procedure Rules which can be found in Part 4, Schedule J of the Constitution.