

## **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**

6 Council Members not including the Leader plus three independent voting members. 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 advise the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (d) To monitor the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (e) To advise, train or arrange to train, Councillors, Co-opted Members and Church and Parent Governor representatives on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (f) To grant dispensations to Councillors, Co-opted Members, Church and Parent Governor representatives on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (g) To deal with any reports from a Case Tribunal or Interim Case Tribunal, and any report from the Monitoring Officer on any matter which is referred to him by an Ethical Standards Officer.
- (h) In accordance with procedures as set out in the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 to consider allegations into the alleged misconduct of Members.
- (i) To oversee the operation of the Officers' Code of Conduct
- (j) To consider periodic reports on a range of standards and ethics indicators

### **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 of the Council), any such adjudication will be undertaken in accordance with procedures as set out in the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 and which are reflected in the Standards Committee Procedure Rules which can be found in Part 4, Schedule J of the Constitution. To assist with this process the Committee has established three sub-committees.