

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

1. To make recommendations to the Council on the adoption, implementation, maintenance and review of a local Code of Conduct for Members and Officers.
2. To consider the reports of the Ethical Standards Officer or Monitoring Officer in relation to a complaint that a Borough Council or Parish Council Member has broken the Code of Conduct and to determine any appropriate action, including a full hearing of the matter.
3. To determine the effective training of Councillors in matters of conduct and advice to individual Councillors on issues relating to the treatment of personal interests and on the propriety of conduct generally.
4. To deal with the arrangements for Councillors to receive dispensations to speak on, or participate in, matters in which they have personal and/or prejudicial interests.
5. To determine the appropriate action on matters referred to it by the Standards Board for England other than specific complaints arising from the Code of Conduct.
6. To determine the appropriate action on matters referred to this Committee by the Monitoring Officer including disciplinary matters in relation to the conduct of individual Councillors.
7. To ensure compliance throughout the Council with all appropriate Codes of Conduct and procedures from time to time determined by this Committee.
8. To have oversight of the Council Constitution.
9. To make recommendations to Council on the Members' Allowances Scheme having regard to the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on the level of Members' Allowances.
10. To deal with any appropriate matter referred to it from other Committees.
11. To make payments or provide other benefits in cases of maladministration etc. under Section 92 of the Local Government Act, 2000 in excess of £1,000.
12. Overview of complaints handling and Ombudsman investigations.

**ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**

1. To receive and determine whether to refer for investigation, or other appropriate action, any written complaints regarding alleged misconduct and breach of the Code of Conduct by any Borough Councillor or Parish Council Member.

**REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE**

1. To further review and re-consider the decision of the Assessment Sub-Committee in relation to any decision not to refer an allegation for investigation, or any other action, which was considered appropriate by the Sub-Committee, and to determine the matter.