

APPENDIX 1

STANDARDS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Composition

The Standards Committee shall comprise four members.

(Independent Persons have been appointed by the council under the Localism Act 2011. Although not members of the Committee the Independent Persons are invited to attend meetings of the committee as observers.)

Quorum

The quorum of the committee shall be three members.

Terms of Reference

- 1 To advise the Council on a local Code of Conduct for members.
- 2 To decide, if requested to do so by the Monitoring Officer, whether complaints that a member of the Council has failed, or may have failed, to comply with the Council's Members' Code of Conduct should be investigated.
- 3 To hear complaints that a member of the Council has failed, or may have failed, to comply with the Council's Members' Code of Conduct that have been referred to them by the Monitoring Officer pursuant to the Code of Conduct Complaints Procedure.
- 4 To agree relevant procedures for hearing complaints that a member of the Council has failed, or may have failed, to comply with the Council's Members' Code of Conduct;
5. To receive the Annual Report on Member Standards and Conduct.
6. To consider requests for dispensations from all members in respect of statutory and non-statutory disclosable interests.