

## Standards Committee Terms of Reference

The terms of reference of the Standards Committee are as follows:

1. Promoting and maintaining ethics and high standards of conduct by Councillors and Co-opted Members.
2. Assisting Councillors and Co-opted Members to observe the Members' Code of Conduct.
3. Advising the Authority on the adoption or revision of the Members Code of Conduct.
4. Monitoring the operation of the Members Code of Conduct.
5. Monitoring appropriate training for Councillors and Co-opted Members on Ethics & Standards.
6. Considering applications for dispensations to Councillors relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct.
7. Considering complaints which have arisen under the Council's internal procedure on member conduct and cases which have been referred by the Ombudsman.
8. Monitoring compliance by leaders of political groups on the Council with their duties under section 52A (1) of the 2000 Act (as amended) to take reasonable steps to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by the members of their groups, and to co-operate with Standards Committee in the exercise of these functions.