

(d) Standards Committee

Membership:	Ten members (five elected members, three independent members and two parish members)
Quorum:	Five members (one of whom will be an independent member)
Functions	Delegation
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by councillors and co-opted members; 2. To assist councillors and co-opted members to observe the Members' Code Conduct; 3. To advise the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct; 4. To monitor the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct; 5. To advise, train or arrange to train councillors and co-opted members on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct; 6. To grant dispensations to councillors and co-opted members from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct; 7. To deal with any reports from the Adjudication Panel and any reports from the monitoring officer on matters other than the local determination of complaints; 8. To determine any reports from the monitoring officer on the local determination of complaints; 9. To receive allegations that a member has breached the Members' Code of Conduct and determine whether such allegations require further action or not; 10. To consider requests for reviews of decisions that allegations that a member has breached the Members' Code of Conduct require no further action or not; 11. To exercise 1 to 10 above in relation to the parish/town councils wholly or mainly in the 	<p>Items 8, 9, 10, 11 (to the extent that it refers to reports from the monitoring officer on the local determination of complaints against members of parish/town councils) and 12 have been delegated by the Standards Committee to the Standards Panel.</p> <p>The Standards Panel will comprise between three and five members selected by the Monitoring Officer on the basis of availability from the members and reserve members of the Committee so that it includes at least one Independent Member and if the complaint is about a member of a parish/town council at least one Parish Member. The Standards Panel will follow the Procedure Rules for local determination hearings and the Procedure Rules for determining non-Code of Conduct complaints in Part 4 of the Constitution when exercising these functions.</p>

Council's area and the members of those parish/town councils;

12. To determine any reports from the monitoring officer into complaints that members of the Borough Council have breached one of the Council's codes or protocols, other than the Members' Code of Conduct;
13. To monitor the operation of and advise the Council on the adoption or revision of codes and protocols relating to standards issues other than the Members' Code of Conduct;
14. To advise, train or arrange to train councillors and co-opted members on matters relating to codes and protocols relating to standards issues other than the Members' Code of Conduct;
15. To make recommendations to the Cabinet or Council on major amendments to the Council's Constitution which involve standards issues;
16. To consider applications for exemptions from the political restrictions which apply to the applicant's post;
17. To give directions to the Council requiring it to include a post in the list of politically restricted posts.

