

Article 9 - The Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

9.01 Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

The Council has a duty under Section 27 of the Localism Act 2011 (“the Act”) to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by members and co-opted members of the authority. To implement the provisions of the Act and the Members’ Code of Conduct, the Council has decided to retain a ‘standards committee’.

9.02 Composition

The Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee will comprise eight members of the Council.

9.03 Role & Function

The Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee will have the following roles and functions:-

- (a) To promote and maintain high standards of conduct and ethical governance by Members and co-opted Members of the Council.
- (b) To appoint Sub-Committees with delegated power to consider and deal with matters in accordance with the Council’s Arrangements for dealing with complaints against Members.
- (c) To deal with the recruitment and appointment of Independent Person(s) as defined under the Localism Act 2011.
- (d) To grant dispensations to Members and co-opted Members from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members’ Code of Conduct for Members and co-opted Members.

- (e) To oversee, approve, revise and monitor the implementation, progress and success of the Member Development Plan.
- (f) To periodically review Members Gifts and Hospitality Register and Declarations of Interests arrangements to ensure they remain fit for purpose.
- (g) To periodically review arrangements and make recommendations to Council, the Executive or other relevant bodies relating to Member personal safety, security and well-being.
- (h) To review, monitor and make recommendations to Council with regards to DBS checks (or their equivalent) for Elected and Co-opted Members of the Council.
- (i) To respond to any Government or other relevant consultation relating to the Ethical Framework.
- (j) To exercise any functions which the Council may consider appropriate from time to time.