

APPENDIX 1

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PART 2 of the Council's Constitution

Article 9 - The Standards Committee

9.01 Standards Committee

The Council meeting will establish a Standards Committee.

9.02 Composition

The Standards Committee will be composed of eight councillors who may not include the Leader or Mayor and four people ("the independent members"), none of whom are councillors or officers of the Council or any other body having a Standards Committee.

- (a) **Membership.** The Standards Committee is composed of eight councillors and four independent members
- (b) **Independent members.** Independent members will be entitled to vote at meetings;
- (c) **Chairing the Committee.**
 - (i) The Committee selects its own Chair from among the Independent Members.
 - (ii) The Chair of the Standards Committee will have a casting vote in the event of a vote being tied.

9.03 Role and Function

The Standards Committee will have the following roles and functions:

- (a) Promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Councillors, co-opted members and representatives of religious organisations and parent governor representatives;
- (b) Assisting the Leader, Councillors, co-opted members and representatives of religious organisations and parent governor representatives to observe the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (c) Advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (d) Monitoring the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct;

- (e) Advising, training or arranging to train Councillors and co-opted members ~~and non-voting co-opted members~~ on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct and the ethical framework;
- (f) Granting dispensations to the Elected Mayor, Councillors and co-opted members ~~and non-voting co-opted members~~ from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (g) Advising the Council on codes and protocols forming the Council's ethical framework and its governance arrangements, monitoring the effectiveness of those arrangements and making reports and recommendations accordingly;
- (h) Carrying out an assessment and review function for all complaints received by the Council against Councillors and co-opted members
- (i) Dealing with any reports from a case tribunal or interim case tribunal and any report from the Monitoring Officer on any matter which is referred by the Ethical Standards Officer to the Monitoring Officer;
- (j) Hearing complaints against Councillors and ~~voting co-optees~~ co-opted members made to the Council or referred back from the Standard Board for England;
- (k) Hearing complaints against ~~co-optees~~ co-opted members arising from alleged breaches of Codes and Protocols falling outside the jurisdiction of the Standards Board for England;
- (l) Responding to national reviews and consultations on standards related issues;
- (m) Granting exemptions for politically restricted posts and giving directions to include a post on the list of restricted posts
- (n) Advising the Council on the appointment of independent members and taking steps to select them