

Standards Sub-Committee

Membership – 3

Quorum – 2

Independent Persons do not form part of a quorum but may be invited to attend where considered appropriate by the Sub-Committee. Where the Sub-Committee is dealing with matters relating to the handling of complaints against the Elected Mayor, Councillors or Co-opted Members the Independent Persons must be consulted as appropriate.

Terms of Reference

The following functions are the responsibility of the Standards Sub-Committee:

1. To grant dispensations to the Elected Mayor, Councillors and Co-opted Members from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct.
2. To undertake such further functions of the Standards Committee as may be delegated to the Sub-Committee in respect of the handling of complaints against the Elected Mayor, Councillors or Co-opted Members.
3. To receive a Final Report from Investigating Officer where no breach of the Code of Conduct for Members has been found and to determine whether to accept their report; refer the report back to the Investigating Officer as it is considered incomplete; or refer the report to a hearing in accordance with the Authority's Local Arrangements for dealing with complaints under the Code of Conduct for Members.
4. Upon receipt of a Final Report from Investigating Officer where a breach of the Code of Conduct for Members has been found, to undertake a hearing in accordance with the Authority's Local Arrangements for dealing with complaints under the Code of Conduct for Members.