

**E Standards Committee**

**1. Standards Committee**

Membership – 9

Quorum – 3

Terms of Reference

The following functions are the responsibility of the Standards Committee:

1. To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by the Elected Mayor, Councillors, Co-opted Members and church and parent governor representatives.
2. To ensure the Elected Mayor, Councillors and Co-opted Members and church and parent governor representatives observe the Members' Code of Conduct.
3. To advise the Authority 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 the Elected Mayor, Councillors and Co-opted Members and church and parent governor representatives on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
6. To grant dispensations to the Elected Mayor, Councillors and Co-opted Members and church and parent governor representatives from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct.
7. To monitor complaints received by the Authority in respect of Member conduct.
8. To review the Whistle-blowing policy for Members.
9. To conduct hearings following investigation and determine complaints made against Councillors (including following requests for review).
10. Where a Member is found to have failed to comply with the Code of Conduct to take such action as may be necessary to promote and maintain high standards of conduct, in accordance with the powers available to the Committee.
11. To amend the assessment criteria for complaints against Members (included in the Authority's adopted arrangements) as it considers appropriate from time to time.

12. To undertake such further functions as may be the responsibility of the Committee under the Authority's adopted arrangements in relation to the handling of complaints against Members.
13. To approve the contents of an annual report summarising the work of the Committee over the previous year for submission to the Annual Council meeting.

#### Information

1. The Members' Code of Conduct and all codes and protocols can be found in Part 8 - Codes and Protocols.
2. Please see Article 9 of the Constitution for further information on the Standards Committee.
3. For further information on the Standards Committee please see the Standards pages of the North Tyneside Council website or contact the Monitoring Officer on Tel (0191) 643 5339 or email [standardscommittee@northynteside.gov.uk](mailto:standardscommittee@northynteside.gov.uk).