

## ARTICLE 9 - THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

### 9.01 Standards Committee

The Council will appoint a Standards Committee with the composition set out in Article 9.02 and the functions set out in Part 3 of this Constitution.

### 9.02 Composition

- (a) **Membership.** The Standards Committee will be composed of:
- five councillors, other than the Leader and only one of whom can be a member of the Cabinet, who will be appointed annually;
  - three persons who are not councillors or officers of the Council or any other body having a standards committee (independent members) who will be appointed by the Council for a term of four years;
  - three members of parish/town councils wholly or mainly in the Council's area who are not also borough councillors (parish members) who will be appointed by the Council for a term of four years.
- (b) **Independent members.** Independent members will be entitled to vote at meetings.
- (c) **Parish members.** Parish members will be entitled to vote at meetings. A parish member must be present when matters relating to parish/town councils or their members are being considered.
- (d) **Quorum.** Six members will be the quorum of the Standards Committee, one of whom will be an independent member of the Committee. A parish member must be present when matters relating to parish/town councils or their members are being considered.
- (e) **Chair and Vice-chair the Committee.** The Chair and Vice-chair of the Standards Committee will be appointed annually by the Committee. The Chair shall be one of the Independent Members of the Committee.
- (f) **Reserve Members.** The Council will annually appoint three councillors who are not members of the Standards Committee and may not be members of the Cabinet who may act as reserve members of the Standards Committee. If a member of the Committee other than an independent member or a parish member is unable to attend a meeting of the Committee, a reserve member may attend that meeting in his/her absence in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 35(vi).

### 9.03 **Annual Report**

The Standards Committee must report annually to Council on its work and the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct and other areas within its remit.