

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE – POWERS AND DUTIES**

1. To promote the maintenance of high standards of conduct in the Council.
2. To advise the full Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct and to monitor how it is working.
3. To advise and train councillors and co-opted members on all aspects of the Members' Code of Conduct.
4. To consider the recommendations of case tribunals under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 2000.
5. To consider the reports of the Monitoring Officer on any matter referred by an ethical standards officer.
6. To give special permissions to councillors and co-opted members to speak and vote on things they have an interest in.
7. To consider matters of relevance referred to in the Audit Commission's Management Letter or other correspondence from the Audit Commission.

(Executive Board is responsible for considering reports from the Audit Commission and agreeing action plans in response. The Audit and Governance Committee is responsible for reviewing external audit reports, including value for money reports and annual audit letters, together with the management response).

8. To oversee the Authority's "whistleblowing" policy.
9. To monitor the Council's handling of complaints and considering Ombudsman investigations.
10. To monitor the register of councillors' interests.
11. To oversee the Code on Councillor/Officer Relations.
12. To advise on the adoption, revision and application of any codes of practice or guidance relating to the conduct of members.

(NOTE: The Committee will also carry out roles 1. – 6. for the parish councils in the City).