

Standards Committee

Powers and Duties

- (a) Promoting high standards of conduct in the council
- (b) Advising full council on adopting or revising the members' code of conduct and monitoring how the code is working.
- (c) Advising and arranging training for councillors and co-opted committee members on all aspects of the members' code of conduct.
- (d) Considering recommendations made by case tribunals held under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 2000.
- (e) Considering reports by the monitoring officer or anything referred by an ethical standards officer.
- (f) Carrying out initial assessments, reviews and hearings into allegations of breaches of the members' code of conduct.
- (g) Giving special permission to councillors and co-opted committee members to speak and vote on things they have an interest in.
- (h) Considering anything relevant in the Audit Commission's management letter or other correspondence from the Audit Commission.
- (i) Overseeing the whistle blowing policy.
- (j) Monitoring the council's handling of complaints and considering ombudsman reports.
- (k) Monitoring the register of members' interests.
- (l) Overseeing the code on councillor–officer relations.
- (m) Advising on any other codes of practice or guidance for councillors
- (n) Considering requests for dispensation for politically restricted posts. The standards committee will carry out roles (a) to (g) for parish councils in the city too.