

2.	Standards Committee	
Appointed by: The Council, in accordance with the provisions of S101 and S102 Local Government Act 1972 and Regulations made thereunder.	Number of Elected Members: Six elected members	
Chair and Vice-Chair appointed by: The Chair will be appointed by Council. There will be one Vice Chair, who will be appointed by Council The Vice-Chair shall deputise for the Chair in his or her absence.	Political Proportionality: Rules of political proportionality apply. Substitutes: Substitutes are permitted for the Standards Committee. Frequency: At least quarterly.	
Quorum: At least three voting members of the Committee	Co-opted Members: Up to six non-voting, to be appointed by the Committee Independent Person to be appointed by the Council: Appointment approved by full Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 28(6) and (7) of the Localism Act 2011 The Independent Person shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Standards Committee	
Terms of Reference: 1.1 Promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Members and Co-Opted Members of the authority 1.2 Receiving periodic reports from the Monitoring Officer on dispensations granted / refused, complaints received against Members, complaints resolved informally, complaints resolved after an investigation and a Members Advisory Panel Hearing and assessing the operation and effectiveness of the Members' Code of Conduct 1.3 Advising on all Member training, including arranging to train Members and Co-Opted Members on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct 1.4 Assisting Councillors and co-opted Members to observe the Members' Code of Conduct 1.5 To receive referrals from the Monitoring Officer into allegations of misconduct in accordance with the authority's assessment criteria 1.6 Advising the Council upon the contents of and requirements for codes/protocols/other procedures relating to standards of conduct throughout the Council 1.7 Maintaining oversight of the Council's arrangements for dealing with complaints		

- 1.8 Informing Council and the Chief Executive of relevant issues arising from the determination of Code of Conduct complaints
- 1.9 Appointment of a Standards Hearing Sub-Committee (a Working Group of the Committee) to hear and make recommendations to the Monitoring Officer concerning complaints about Members and Co-Opted Members referred to it by the Monitoring Officer
- 1.10 On referral by the Monitoring Officer to grant dispensations after consultation with the Independent Person pursuant to S33(2) (b), (c) and (e) of the Localism Act 2011
- 1.11 Hear and determine appeals against refusal to grant dispensations by the Monitoring Officer pursuant to S33(2)(a) and (d) of the Localism Act 2011

Composition and Terms of Reference of a Standards Hearing Panel (~~A Working Group~~ a sub-committee).

2A.	Standards Hearing Panel	
<p>Appointed by:</p> <p>The Committee, pursuant to section 102 Local Government Act 1972 for the purposes of section 28(6) and (7) of the Localism Act 2011</p>	<p>Number of Elected Members:</p> <p>Two <u>Three</u> elected members appointed from members of the Standards Committee and two other members (i.e. members not appointed to Standards Committee).</p>	
<p>Chair and Vice-Chair appointed by:</p> <p><u>The Chair shall be an Independent Chair appointed by the Committee (who may be an Independent Person)</u></p>	<p>Political Proportionality:</p> <p>Rules of political proportionality do not apply.</p> <p>Substitutes:</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Frequency:</p> <p>As and when required.</p> <p>Venue:</p> <p>To be determined by the Monitoring Officer.</p>	
<p>Quorum:</p> <p>At least two <u>three</u> elected members and two other members.</p>	<p>Co-opted Members to be appointed by Council:</p> <p>Appointment approved by full Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 28(6) and (7) of the Localism Act 2011</p> <p>The Independent Person to attend the meetings of the Standards and with hearings into allegations of misconduct.</p>	
<p>Terms of Reference:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To conduct a hearing into an allegation that a councillor or co-opted member has breached the Councillors' Code of Conduct. 2. Following a hearing, make one of the following recommendations to the Monitoring Officer: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the councillor has not failed to comply with the Code of Conduct and no further action needs to be taken in respect of the matters considered at the hearing (ii) That the councillor has failed to comply with the Code of Conduct but that no further action needs to be taken in respect of the matters considered at the hearing 		

(iii) That the councillor has failed to comply with the Code of Conduct and that a sanction and/or an informal resolution should be imposed

3. The Standards Hearing Panel may recommend to the Monitoring Officer any action or combination of actions available, or recommend any informal resolution or combination of informal resolutions as are available by law or policy.
4. After making a finding the Standards Hearing Panel shall, as soon as reasonably practicable provide written notice of its recommendations and the reasons for its decision to Monitoring Officer, the councillor and complainant.