

Re-allocation of the Role and Functions of the Standards Committee

Chairman of Council:

- Promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Members of the Council and co-opted members and having oversight of arrangements for dealing with standards allegations.

Audit & Governance:

- Monitoring the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct.
- Promoting advice, guidance and training for Members and co-opted members on matters relating to the Code of Conduct.
- Ensuring that the Council's complaints procedures operate effectively.
- Granting dispensations to Members (including co-opted members) from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct.

Member Conduct Panel:

- Deciding if a Member has failed to comply with the Code of Conduct and determining what (if any) further action needs to be taken

Chief Executive (as Head of Paid Service):

- Considering applications from members of staff for exemption from political restriction in respect of a post they hold with the Council.
- Considering applications that the Council be directed to include any post in the list of politically restricted posts maintained by the Council.