

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 and receiving reports upon them, and upon any findings of maladministration by the Local Government Ombudsman, and including the power to make payments.
- 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.