

Article 10 – The Standards Committee

10.1 Standards Committee

The Council meeting will establish a Standards Committee.

10.2 Composition

The Standards Committee will be comprised of at least two Councillors and one independent person.

10.3 Role and Function

The Standards Committee will have the following roles and functions:

- (a) promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Councillors, co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives;
- (b) assisting Councillors and co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives to observe the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (c) advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (d) monitoring the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (e) advising, training or arranging to train Councillors, co-opted members, and church and parent governor representatives, on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (f) granting dispensations to Councillors, co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (g) taking any action required on the receipt, assessment and handling of any complaint against a Member;
- (h) taking any action for the investigation and determination of any complaint against a Member;
- (i) dealing with any reports on any matter from the Monitoring Officer;

10.4 Additional Roles of Standards Committees

The Committee will be responsible for:

- (a) the overview of the Confidential Reporting Code;
- (b) the overview of complaints handling and Local Government Ombudsman investigations; and
- (c) monitoring and reviewing the operation of the Constitution.