

## ARTICLE 9 - THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

### 9.01 Standards Committee

The Council has established a Standards Committee as required to undertake work on governance of the Council.

### 9.02 Composition

- (a) **Membership.** The Standards Committee will comprise sixteen members in total, calculated on the following basis, with each member to be of equal status:-
- Half of the Committee to be District Councillors who shall not include the Leader, Chairman or Vice Charman of the Council or any member of the Executive;
  - One quarter to be independent members who are not Councillors or Officers of the Council or any other body having a Standards Committee; and
  - One quarter to be parish council or town councils wholly or mainly in the Council's area, who shall not be a member or members of the Council.
- (b) **Independent Members.** The following provisions apply:-
- Independent Members will be entitled to vote at meetings;
  - At least one of the independent members must be present for the duration of a meeting of the Standards Committee for the proceedings of that meeting to be valid; and
- An independent member shall be Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee and any Sub-Committees of the Committee
- (c) **Parish Members.** The following provisions apply:-
- At least one of the parish members must be present when matters relating to parish councils or their members are being considered;
  - Parish Members will be entitled to vote at meetings.
- (d) **Substitutes.** There will be one named substitute for each district council member of the Committee, together with a named independent substitute and a named parish/ town council substitute.

### 9.03 Role and Function

The Standards Committee role and functions is defined in Part 3 of the Constitution Responsibility for Council Functions.

### 9.04 Quorum

The quorum for a meeting of Standards Committee shall be as set out within Council Procedure Rule 3.