

ARTICLE 8 - THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

8.1 Standards Committee

The Council will appoint a Standards Committee.

8.2 Membership

The Standards Committee will comprise:

- Seven Borough Councillors;
- Two Independent persons who are not Members or Officers of any relevant authority; and
- A representative of a Parish/Town Council within the Borough who is not also a Member of any relevant authority.

The Independent Persons and Parish representative are appointed by the Council when vacancies arise.

8.3 Independent Persons

The Independent Persons will not be entitled to vote at meetings.

8.4 The Parish Council Representative

The Parish Council Representative will not be entitled to vote at meetings.

8.5 Roles and Functions

The Terms of Reference for the Standards Committee are set out in Part 3 of this Constitution.

8.6 Hearings Sub-Committee

Three Members of the Standards Committee will meet as a Hearings Sub-Committee to hear cases, including that of Town/Parish Council Members and Co-opted Members, of an alleged breach of the Member Code of Conduct following a report of the Investigating Officer and to impose the relevant sanction as identified in the Terms of Reference which are set out in Part 3 of this Constitution.

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