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 Chairman 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.