

Standards Committee
Terms of Reference

1. To oversee and promote the Council's arrangements to ensure and maintain probity and the highest standards of governance in the conduct of business by members (including co-opted members) and officers.
2. To oversee, promote, monitor observance and recommend necessary change to Members' and officers' Codes of Conduct and Political Conventions.
3. To oversee and ensure the provision of appropriate training to Members and officers to enable them to adhere at all times to the provisions of the Council's Political Conventions and governance arrangements.
4. To consider and determine matters referred to the Council by the National Standards Board either for local determination or for local investigation, including the application of disciplinary sanctions, as necessary.
5. To oversee the Council's Corporate Governance arrangements, receive the annual statement prepared under the Local Code of Corporate Governance and monitor compliance within the Council.

Matters Reserved to the Committee:

1. All relevant matters reserved for Member level decision as detailed in the Rules of Procedure.
2. Matters of strategic significance relating to the Committee's Terms of Reference.
3. The hearing of complaints referred for local investigation by the Standards Board for England and consideration of those complaints referred by the Standards Board for England for local determination.
4. Such other matters as the Committee may from time to time reserve to itself for decision.
5. All matters within the Terms of Reference of the Standards Committee which are not reserved to full Council or this Committee, either by legislation, regulation or local determination, are delegated to the Town Clerk.