

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

1. To oversee and promote the arrangements to be made by the Council to promote probity and maintain the highest standards in the conduct of business by members (including co-opted members) and officers.
2. To oversee and promote observance of the Members and Officers' Code of Conduct and Political Conventions.
3. To advise on the adoption or revision of the Council's Political Conventions and monitor their operation.
4. 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 Codes and Conventions.
5. To consider and determine matters referred to the Council by the National Standards Board following investigation on its behalf.
6. To consider and determine matters relating to the conduct of Members raised directly with the Council.
7. To refer to the National Standards Board matters relating to the conduct of members as the committee deems appropriate and/or in accordance with national legislation and guidance.
8. To provide dispensations in accordance with national guidance and legislation.

Rules of Procedure

Council Procedure Rules relevant to committees apply to the Standards Committee, except that the necessary quorum for a Standards Committee meeting is three, including an independent member.