PART 2 – ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION

Article 9 – The Standards & Ethics Committee

9.1 **Standards & Ethics Committee**

The Council has and will continue to appoint a statutory Standards & Ethics Committee.

9.2 **Composition**

Political Balance

The Standards & Ethics Committee does not have to comply with the political balance rules in section 15 of the 1989 Local Government and Housing Act and the Council has resolved that three Councillors elected at the annual meeting of the Council shall be nominated to sit on the Committee.

(a) Membership

The Standards & Ethics Committee will be composed of nine members. Its membership will include:

(i) Five 'independent' members, who are not either a Councillor or an employee or the spouse of a councillor or an employee of the Authority or any other relevant authority as defined by the Act, appointed in accordance with the procedure set out in the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001;

(ii) Three Councillors (who shall not include the Leader and shall include not more than one member of the Cabinet) of the Authority; and

(iii) One member of a Community Council wholly or mainly in the Council's area (a 'Community Committee Member').

(b) Term of office

(i) Independent members shall be appointed for a period of not less than four years and no more than six years, such period to be determined by Council upon their appointment. They may be re-appointed for one further consecutive term of up to a further four years only.

(ii) Members of Cardiff Council who are members of the Standards & Ethics Committee shall be appointed for a period of no longer than the period until the next ordinary local government election following their appointment. They shall cease to be a member of the Standards & Ethics Committee if they cease to be a member of Cardiff Council. They may be re-appointed for one further consecutive term only.

(iii) The Community Committee Member shall be appointed for a period of no longer than the period until the next ordinary elections for the community council following his/her appointment. He or she shall cease to be a member of the Standards & Ethics Committee if he or she ceases to be a member of a community council in the Council's area. He or she may be re-appointed for one further consecutive term only.

(c) Quorum

A meeting of the Standards & Ethics Committee shall only be quorate when:

(i) at least three members are present; and

(ii) at least half the members present are independent members.

(d) Voting

Independent members and community committee members will be entitled to vote at meetings.

(e) Community committee members

A community committee member shall not take part in the proceedings of the Standards & Ethics Committee or any of its sub-committees when any matter relating to a member of their Community Council is being considered.

(f) Chairing the Committee

(i) Only an independent member of the Standards & Ethics Committee may be the Chairperson.

(ii) The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be elected by the members of the Standards & Ethics Committee for whichever is the shortest period of (a) not less than 4 years and no more than 6 years, or (b) until the term of office of that person as an independent member of the Committee comes to an end. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson can be re-appointed.

9.3   **Community Councils Sub-Committee**

The Standards & Ethics Committee will include a sub-committee to exercise the function set out in Article 9.4(h) below. The sub-committee will include at least two independent members and one community committee member, unless the matter before the sub-committee relates to the community committee member's Council or a member of that council, in which case the community committee member's place will be taken by another member of the Standards & Ethics Committee.

9.4   **Role and Function**

The Standards & Ethics Committee will have the roles and functions set out in its approved terms of reference in Appendix 2 of Part 3 of this Constitution.