

Committee	Terms of Reference
Standards & Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="448 271 1393 416">(a) To monitor and scrutinise the ethical standards of the Authority, its Members, employees and any associated providers of the Authority's services, and to report to the Council on any matters of concern.</li> <li data-bbox="448 454 1393 528">(b) To advise the Council on the content of its Ethical Code and to update the Code as appropriate.</li> <li data-bbox="448 566 1393 674">(c) To advise the Council on the effective implementation of the Code including such matters as the training of Members and employees on the Code's application.</li> <li data-bbox="448 712 1393 891">(d) To consider and determine the outcome of complaints that Councillors and co-opted members have acted in breach of the Code in accordance with procedures agreed by the Standards Committee, including the imposition of any penalties available to the Committee.</li> <li data-bbox="448 929 1393 1037">(e) To oversee and monitor the Council's whistleblowing procedures and to consider ethical issues arising from complaints under the procedure and other complaints.</li> <li data-bbox="448 1075 1393 1182">(f) To grant or refuse requests for dispensations in respect of Members' interests under the Members Code of Conduct in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions.</li> <li data-bbox="448 1220 1393 1328">(g) To undertake those functions in relation to community councils situated in the area of the Council and members of those community councils which are required by law</li> <li data-bbox="448 1366 1393 1440">(h) To recommend to Council and the Cabinet any additional guidance on issues of probity.</li> <li data-bbox="448 1478 1393 1585">(i) To hear and determine any complaints of misconduct by Members or a report of the Monitoring Officer, whether on reference from the Ombudsman or otherwise.</li> <li data-bbox="448 1624 1393 1731">(j) To recommend the provision to the Monitoring Officer of such resources as he/she may require for the performance of his/her duties.</li> <li data-bbox="448 1769 1393 1877">(k) All Members of the Committee will be required to undertake relevant training to enable them to properly discharge their duties.</li> </ul>