

Article 14 - The Standards Committee

14.01 Membership

6 Members of the Council.

(b) Chairing the Committee

A Chairman will be elected at the first meeting of the Committee in each Council Year.

14.02 Delegation of functions

See Scheme of Delegation (Part 7).

14.04 Functions

The Standards Committee will have the following functions:

- (a) To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Councillors and co-opted Members;
- (b) To assist the Councillors and co-opted Members to observe the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (c) To advise the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (d) To monitor the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (e) To advise, Councillors and co-opted Members on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct and to arrange training where necessary;
- (f) To grant dispensations to Borough Councillors, Parish Councillors and co-opted Members from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (g) To consider, determine and take decisions on allegations that individual councillors have breached the Councillors Code of Conduct, in accordance with the procedures agreed by the Council for dealing with such allegations.
- (h) The exercise of (a) to (g) above in relation to the Parish and Town Councils wholly or mainly in the Borough of Wyre area and the Members of those Parish and Town Councils
- (i) To monitor and review any Codes or Protocols relating to Members included in Part 5 of the Council's Constitution.
- (j) To investigate any allegations of breaches of Member Protocols and, where appropriate, considering the withdrawal of any privileges or facilities provided under that protocol from the Member(s) who has breached it to ensure the "proper administration of the Council".

- (k) To appoint Independent Persons to liaise with the Council's Monitoring Officer and the Standards Committee on ethical standards issues, as required by the Localism Act 2011