Article 141 - The Standards Committee

11.01 Standards Committee

The Council will appoint a Standards Committee.

141.01 <u>CompositionMembership</u>

6 Members of the Council.

(a) <u>Membership</u>

The Standards Committee will be composed of:

 At least six Councillors (with places allocated in accordance with the political balance requirements set out in Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989).

(b) Chairing the Committee

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

141.02 QuorumDelegation of functions

The quorum for meetings of the Standards Committee shall be 3 Members. <u>See Scheme of Delegation (Part 7).</u>

141.04 Role and Functions

The Standards Committee will have the following roles and functions:

- (a) <u>To promoteing</u> and maintaining high standards of conduct by Councillors and co-opted Members;
- (b) <u>To</u> assisting the Councillors and co-opted Members to observe the Members' Code of Conduct:
- (c) <u>To</u> advis<u>eing</u> the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct:
- (d) <u>To monitoring</u> the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (e) <u>To</u> advisinge, training or arranging to train-Councillors and co-opted Members on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct <u>and to arrange training</u> <u>where necessary</u>;
- (f) <u>To granting</u> dispensations to Borough Councillors, Parish Councillors and coopted Members from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (g) <u>To</u> considering, determinging and takging 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".

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