

## **Standards Committee**

To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Members of the Authority.

To assist Members of the Authority to observe the Authority's Code of Conduct, specifically:-

To advise the Authority on the adoption or revision of a Code of Conduct.

To monitor the operation of the Authority's Code of Conduct.

To advise, train or arrange for training for Members of the Authority on matters relating to the Authority's Code of Conduct.

To determine, monitor and review the arrangements for the local ethical standards regime and carrying out any functions reserved to the Standards Committee under those arrangements.

To appoint Sub-Committees with delegated power:

- a. To discharge any function specified in Section 57A of the Local Government Act 2000 (initial assessment of allegations of Member misconduct);
- b. To discharge any function specified in Section 57B of the Local Government Act 2000 (review of decision of Assessment Sub-Committee)
- c. To conduct local hearings under Regulation 10 of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008.

To grant dispensations to Members from requirements relating to interests set out in the Code of Conduct for Members.

To consider applications for exemption from the 'politically restricted post list' – by the post holder – and make decisions whether they should be on the list or not.

To consider concerns from any member of the public who believes that a post has been wrongly omitted from the 'politically restricted post list'.

To exercise any functions which the Authority may consider appropriate from time to time.

To submit its minutes to the Authority.