

Standards (Consideration and Hearing) Sub-Committee

1. Terms of Reference

The Sub-Committee shall deal with the following matters which are delegated to it:

To consider a Monitoring Officer's investigation report or a Standards Board ethical standards officer investigation report and to make one of the following findings:

- That it accepts the monitoring officer's findings of no failure
- That the matter should be considered at a hearing conducted under Regulation 18 of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008; or
- That the matter be referred to the Adjudication Panel for determination

in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 17 of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008, or any amending or superseding legislation, taking into account any relevant guidance issued by the Standards Board for England;

To conduct local hearings under Regulation 18 of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008, or any amending or superseding legislation taking into account any relevant guidance issued by the Standards Board for England; to make one of the following findings:

- a. That the member has not failed to comply with the Member Code of Conduct;
 - b. That the member has failed to comply with the Member Code of Conduct but that no action needs to be taken;
 - c. That the member has failed to comply with the Member Code of Conduct and to impose an appropriate sanction;
- and

to impose any one of or any combination of sanctions that are available to a Standards Committee by law in the event of the Sub-Committee making a finding in accordance with paragraph 2c above; and

To deal with any matters relating to the pre-hearing process and post-hearing process that are delegated to the Sub-Committee.

2. Membership

The Sub-Committee shall comprise three members, including one independent member, and the independent member shall act as Chair of the Sub-Committee.

The Head of Legal Services, in consultation with the Chair of the Standards Committee, is authorised to select an appropriate panel of members to sit as the Consideration and Hearing Sub-Committee to deal with individual cases, from the panels identified below:

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Mr Topliss [Chair]	Mr Denny [Chair]	Mr Bagley [Chair]
Cllr Eustace	Cllr Sutton	Cllr Jones
Cllr Singh	Cllr Ryder	Cllr Idrees

The Head of Legal Services is also authorised to select replacement members from the Standards Committee to serve on a Sub-Committee where it is not possible to obtain a quorum for an established Sub-Committee.

3. Quorum

The quorum for the Sub-Committee shall be all three members.