

**Terms of Reference with effect from 1 July 2012**

**Standards Committee**

To promote and maintain high standards of conduct and ethical governance by Members and co-opted Members of the Authority.

To assist Members and co-opted Members of the Authority to observe the Authority's Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members.

To advise the Authority on the adoption or revision of a Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members.

To monitor the operation of the Authority's Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members.

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

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

To appoint Sub-Committees with delegated power to consider investigation reports and to conduct hearings on its behalf (including the imposition of sanctions).

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

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

To meet at least annually and as and when appropriate.

To submit an Annual Report to the Authority.

To submit its minutes to the Authority.