

4. THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE PROCEDURE RULES

1. COMPOSITION

The Committee shall comprise four elected members and up to two town or parish members.

2. CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be appointed at the authority's Annual Council meeting.

3. TOWN OR PARISH MEMBERS

These will be appointed by Council in accordance with any Government guidance and in accordance with a procedure agreed by the Committee.

4. INDEPENDENT PERSONS

Shall be appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Committee following a process that is in accordance with the relevant legislation and any guidance.

5. COMPLAINTS

The Standards Committee shall receive monitoring reports from the monitoring officer.

6. INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF COMPLAINTS AND DETERMINATIONS

These will be carried out in accordance with the legislation, guidance and procedures agreed by this Committee.

The Hearings Panel (a Sub-Committee of the Council's Standards Committee) shall comprise a maximum of five members of the Council's Standards Committee, including not more than one member of the authority's Executive. The appointed Hearings Panel shall nominate a Hearings Panel Chair. The Independent Person shall be invited to attend all meetings of the Hearings Panel. Where a complaint refers to a Parish Councillor, a non-voting Parish member of the Standards Committee may also attend any Hearing Panel.