

AGENDA ITEM C3

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Roles and Functions

The Standards Committee will have the following roles and functions:

- (a) Promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Councillors and Co-opted Members;
- (b) Assisting Councillors and Co-opted Members to observe the Members Code of Conduct;
- (c) Advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members Code of Conduct;
- (d) Monitoring the operation of the Members Code of Conduct;
- (e) Advising training or arranging to train Councillors and co-opted Members on matters relating to the Members Code of Conduct;
- (f) Granting dispensations to Councillors and co-opted Members from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members Code of Conduct;
- (g) To maintain an overview of the Council's Constitution in respect of contract procedure rules, financial regulations and codes of conduct and behaviour
- (h) Dealing with any reports from a case tribunal or interim case tribunal and any report from the Monitoring Officer on any matter which is referred by an Ethical Standards Officer to the Monitoring Officer.
- (i) To review any issues referred to it by the Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive or the Executive Director of Resources.
- (j) Monitor the Constitution and make recommendations to Council in respect of any proposed amendments.
- (k) To monitor Council policies on 'Whistleblowing' and the anti fraud and anti-corruption strategy and the Council's complaints process.
- (l) Consider and approve the Statement of Accounts;
- (m) Monitor the whistle-blowing policy;
- (n) Monitor the Council's Corporate Governance arrangements;

- (o) To consider the Council's arrangements for corporate governance and agreeing necessary actions to ensure compliance with best practice.
- (p) To appoint a Standards Board Panel to hear and determine the outcome of local determinations and investigations;
- (q) Other functions delegated to the Committee by the Council in accordance with section 54(3) of the Local Government Act 2000, in accordance with any Regulations made under that Act as set out in Section 9.

To exercise functions (a) to (g) in relation to Whitworth Town Council and the Members of Whitworth Town Council.