

**Audit and Standards Committee – 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2024**

**Report of the Lead for Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer)**

**Re-appointment of the Standards Sub-Committee**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To confirm the re-appointment of the Standards Sub-Committee.

**Recommendation**

2. That the re-appointment of the Standards Sub-Committee for 2024/25, with its existing terms of reference, be confirmed.
3. That the Membership of the Sub-Committee comprise the Chair (Councillor K Denning), the Vice-Chair (Councillor A Qayyum) together with a Labour Member and two Conservative Members to be nominated at the meeting.

**Background**

4. In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Standards Arrangements, this Committee has previously agreed to appoint a Standards Sub-Committee.
5. The purpose of the Standards Sub-Committee is to hear and determine complaints against Members and Co-opted Members under the provisions of the Members' Code of Conduct and in accordance with local procedures.
6. The Sub-Committee comprises five elected members. Political proportionality is waived as to Membership and it is a matter for this Committee to decide the composition and membership.

7. In 2023/24, the Sub-Committee comprised the Chair (Former Councillor A Lees), the Vice-Chair (Former Councillor D Borley), Councillor J Cowell, Councillor J Foster and Councillor W Little.

### **Finance**

8. The cost of holding meetings of the Sub-Committee are met from within existing resources.

### **Law**

9. The relevant provisions are contained in the Localism Act, 2011 together with regulations, orders and statutory guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

### **Risk Management**

10. There are no material risks arising from this proposal in relation to the Council's Risk Management Framework.

### **Equality Impact**

11. The Sub-Committee will hear and determine complaints about alleged breaches of the Local Code of Conduct requiring Members and Co-opted Members to behave in a manner that is consistent with seven overriding principles so as to achieve best value for their residents and maintain public confidence in the Authority. The principles will have a bearing on issues such as equality.

### **Human Resources / Organisational Development**

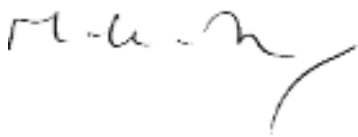
12. There are no direct Human Resources / Organisational Development implications.

### **Commercial / Procurement**

13. There are no commercial or procurement implications.

### **Council Plan**

14. The Standards Sub-Committee is part of the Council's governance arrangements in relation to Member Conduct. The Constitution underpins the delivery of key Council priorities.



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**List of Background Papers**  
[The Council's Constitution](#)