

Article 9 – The Standards ~~Committee Panel~~

9.1 Standards ~~Committee Panel~~

The Council will determine the composition of and the role and function of the Standards ~~Committee Panel~~. The Standards Committee falls within the requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 for membership to be proportionate to the political composition of the Council.

9.2 Composition

- (a) **Membership.** The Standards ~~Panel Committee~~ will be composed of:
- i. nine councillors [other than the ~~L~~leader, and with a maximum of one member from the Executive]
 - ii. two members of a Town or Parish Council in the Council's area who cannot also be a District Councillor, to be appointed until the next full Town and Parish Council elections.
- (b) **Town and Parish members.** At least one Town or Parish member must be present when matters relating to Town or Parish Councils or their members are being considered, except where they have an interest. Town and Parish members will not attend meetings which are considering the Council's constitution. ~~;~~ ~~and~~
- (c) **Chairing the ~~Panel Committee~~.** A member of the Executive may not chair the ~~Committee Panel~~.

9.3 Role and Function

The Standards ~~Committee Panel~~ will have the following roles and functions:

- A. To review and propose revisions to the Constitution as set out in [Article 15](#).
- B. Ethical framework
 - (a) To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by councillors and co-opted members.
 - (b) To assist the councillors and co-opted members to observe the Members' Code of Conduct.
 - (c) To advise the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct.
 - (d) To monitor the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct.
 - (e) To advise on training for councillors and Independent Persons on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct.

- (f) Where the Monitoring Officer decides a hearing is necessary, to establish a Panel to hear and determine -complaints received concerning the conduct of Waverley Borough members. ~~and determination as appropriate.~~
- (g) To exercise functions (a) to (f) above in relation to the town and parish councils in Waverley Borough and the members of those town and parish councils.
- (h) In the event of a dispute arising from a breach of the Council's Local Protocols, the Standards Committee ~~Panel~~ should use the same processes as breaches of the Code.
- (i) ~~Appointment of a Panel: the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chairman of the Standards Panel will appoint Panels of no less than 3 members for the process of hearing and determination of complaints received regarding member conduct that may have breached the Waverley Code of Conduct or that of the relevant Town or Parish Council. The Panels will have the power to determine complaints where these have been referred by the Monitoring Officer; and~~
- (i) To agree arrangements for the selection and interviewing of candidates for appointment as Independent Person(s) (including such joint arrangements with other councils as may be deemed by the Monitoring Officer to be appropriate) and to make recommendations to full Council on these appointments.
- (j) To agree allowances and expenses for the Independent Person(s).
- (k) To implement, monitor and review the operation of the Independent Person(s) Protocol.
- (l) To implement, monitor and review the operation of the code of conduct for staff.
- (m) To implement, monitor and review the operation of the Monitoring Officer Protocol.
- (n) To implement, monitor and review the operation of the Protocol on Member/Officer Relations.
- (o) To consider any other matter referred by the Monitoring Officer.

9.4 Appointment of a Panel

The Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chairman of the Standards Committee will appoint a Panel of no less than 3 members of the Committee for the purpose of hearing and determining complaints received regarding member conduct that may have breached the Waverley Code of Conduct or that of the relevant Town or Parish Council.

A Panel established to hear a complaint against a Town or Parish Councillor must include at least one of the appointed Town and Parish Council members.

The Panel will have the power to determine complaints where these have been referred to it by by the Monitoring Officer.