

Part 2 - Articles of the Constitution

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Terms of Reference

The Standards Committee will have the following roles and functions:

- 1(a) promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by the Councillors and Co-opted members of the authority;
 - 1(b) assisting Councillors and Co-opted members of the authority to observe the authority's Code of Conduct;
 - 1(c) advising the authority on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct;
 - 1(d) monitoring the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct;
 - 1(e) advising, training or arranging to train Councillors and Co-opted members of the authority on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct;
 - 1(f) any function which the Secretary of State adds or modifies by Regulation;
 - 1(g) granting dispensation to Councillors and Co-opted members from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct;
 - 1(h) to assess, review and determine complaints alleging Councillors' breach of the Code of Conduct;
 - 1(i) to review or carry out hearings in respect of allegations of breaching the Members' Code of Conduct referred from Teignbridge District and West Devon Borough Councils and to refer any assessment, review or hearing to those Councils;
 - 1(j) to receive and consider reports from the Council's Shared Head of Corporate Services or an Ethical Standards Officer of the Standards Board;
 - 1(k) to exercise a) to j) above in relation to the Parish/Town Councils within the South Hams District and the Councillors of those Parish/Town Councils;
 - 1(l) overview of complaints handling and Ombudsman investigations; and
 - 1(m) oversight of the Constitution.
2. to receive prior to consideration by Council, periodic ethical audit reports from the Shared Head of Corporate Services Officer (for the avoidance of doubt the reference to "periodic ethical audit reports" does not include a statutory report of either the Shared Head of Corporate Services Officer or "Section 151" officer)
 3. to promote and maintain effective processes for governance issues, including the receipt of an annual review of the Council's Code of Corporate Governance and approval of any action plan arising from the review.
(see also: Article 10 – Audit Committee and Salcombe Harbour Board)