

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
(extract from Cheshire East Council's Constitution
Pages 103-104)

4. Composition

4.1 The Standards Committee will be composed of:

8 Councillors

5 Statutory Independent Members, who will be entitled to vote at meetings, but who are not Councillors or officers of the Council

3 Parish Members. At least one Parish Member must be present when matters relating to Parish Councils or their Members are being considered

5. Powers

The Committee will be responsible for

- By itself or by sub-committee, to discharge the Council's functions under Part III of the Local Government Act 2000, including:
 - Assessment of new complaints (discharge of any functions under S57A of the Act).
 - Reviewing decisions to take no action over a complaint (S57B of the Act)
 - Consider final investigation reports and conduct determination hearings.
- considering and granting, or otherwise, dispensations in respect of Members' Interests when so enabled under Part III of the Local Government Act 2000;
- promoting high standards of ethical behaviour by developing, maintaining and monitoring codes of Conduct for Members of the Council (including Co-opted Members and other persons acting in a similar capacity) and for employees in accordance with best practice and Government guidance;
- advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Codes of Conduct for Members and Officers;
- ensuring that Members receive advice and training as appropriate on the Members' Code of Conduct;
- issuing advice to Members on the treatment of personal interests and on conduct matters generally;

- ensuring that the Council maintains appropriate links with the Standards Board for England and the Commission for Local Administration in England (Ombudsman);
- referring issues, which impinge on staff conduct, performance, terms of employment, training and development to the appropriate and responsible Executive Member and/or Manager;
- promoting high standards of responsiveness by the Council to its clients and contacts
- advising other persons/bodies on probity and ethics as appropriate, particularly where that person or body is exercising functions on behalf of the Council;
- supporting the Council's statutory officers as appropriate or their authorised deputies, in the performance of their duties;
- the local determination of complaints following any allegations of misconduct by Members;
- the determination of applications for exemption in respect of politically restricted posts.