

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

## Membership

- The committee is comprised of 6 members.
- 5 members are elected councillors and one member who is a non voting co opted member
- The Leader shall not be a member of the committee.
- No more than 1 member of the Executive may be a member of the committee.

## Terms of reference

The committee is responsible for the following functions:-

1. To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by members including any co-opted members.
2. To assist members and co-opted members to observe the Brent Members' Code of Conduct, the Planning Code of Practice, the Licensing Code of Practice and any other code of conduct or practice which is adopted ("the Codes").
3. To monitor the operation, effectiveness of and compliance with the Codes and to recommend adoption or revisions of the Codes to the Council.
4. To advise members and co-opted members on matters relating to the Codes and on any other matters related to their conduct and treatment of their pecuniary interests.
5. To provide or arrange training for members and co-opted members on matters relating to the Codes.
6. To receive reports from the Monitoring Officer.
7. To receive allegations referred to it by the Monitoring Officer that a member (including a co-opted member) failed, or may have failed, to comply with the Council's Code of Conduct.
8. To decide whether to ask the Monitoring Officer to investigate allegations or a breach of the Code, or to take no further action.
9. To hold hearings into allegations of misconduct against Councillors once they have been investigated, to consider the views of the Independent Person, and to decide whether in the circumstances
  - a) There was a breach of the Code of Conduct and if so what action should be taken
  - b) There was a breach of the Code of Conduct but that in the circumstances no further action should be taken; or
  - c) That there was no breach of the Code of Conduct.
10. To carry out all other functions relating to complaints about members' conduct set out in the Localism Act 2011 and the Code of Conduct