

Article 9 – The Standards Committee

9.1 Standards Committee

The Council will establish a Standards Committee with the role and functions set out in [Part 3C](#) of this Constitution.

9.2 Composition

9.2.1 Membership

The Standards Committee will be appointed by the Council and be composed of:

- Seven Members of the Council and the following co-opted, non-voting Members who will act in an advisory capacity:
- 2 Independent Persons (as defined by Section 28 of the Localism Act) (or such other number appointed by the Council) as co-opted non-voting Members of the Committee;

(N.B. Substitutes may not be appointed.)

9.3 The Standards Hearings Sub-Committee

The Standards Committee will establish a Hearings Sub-Committee, consisting of 3 Members of the Committee (political balance will apply) to hear cases which are referred by the Monitoring Officer following a report of an Investigating Officer, that a Member or Co-opted Member of Cheltenham Borough Council or of one of the Parish/Town Councils within the Cheltenham Borough Council area has failed, or may have failed, to comply with the Authority's Code of Conduct. , The Terms of Reference for the Standards Hearings Sub-Committee are set out in Part 3C of this Constitution.