

## **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 3D](#) of this Constitution.

### **9.2 COMPOSITION**

#### **9.2.1 Membership**

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

- three Councillors drawn from more than one political party (but not the Leader);
- five persons who are not a Member or an officer of the Council or any other body having a standards committee (who will be referred to as the "Independent Members");
- three members of parish councils in the Council's area who is not also a Cheltenham Borough Councillor (who will be referred to as the "Parish Members").

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

#### **9.2.2 Terms of office of Independent and Parish Members**

Independent Members and the Parish Member shall be appointed in accordance with the prescribed procedure to serve on the Committee for a period of four years and, subject to their continuing eligibility, they may re-apply for membership thereafter.

#### **9.2.3 Parish Members**

A Parish Member must be present when matters relating to parish councils or their members are being considered;

### **9.3 THE STANDARDS (INITIAL ASSESSMENT) SUB-COMMITTEE**

When meeting as the Standards (Initial Assessment) Sub-Committee to assess allegations that a Member or Co-opted Member (or former 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, three Members of the Standards Committee will be selected to assess these allegations. The Terms of Reference for the Standards (Initial Assessment) Sub-Committee are set out in Part 3 of this Constitution.

### **9.4 THE STANDARDS (REVIEW) SUB-COMMITTEE**

When meeting as the Standards (Review) Sub-Committee to review decisions made by the Standards (Initial Assessment) Sub-Committee three Members of the Standards Committee will be selected to serve on this Sub-Committee. The Terms of Reference for the Standards (Review) Sub-Committee are set out in Part 3 of this Constitution.