

**Protocol on Member/Officer Relations**

**Standards Committee – Revised Terms of Reference**

The Standards Committee is responsible for: -

- (a) promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Members and Co-opted Members of the City Corporation and to assist Members and Co-opted Members to observe the City of London Corporation's Code of Conduct;
- (b) preparing, keeping under review and monitoring the City of London Corporation's Member Code of Conduct and making recommendations to the Court of Common Council in respect of the adoption or revision, as appropriate, of such Code of Conduct;
- (c) keeping under review, by way of an annual update by the Director HR, the City of London Corporation's Employee Code of Conduct;
- (d) keeping under review and monitoring the Protocol on Member/Officer Relations,
- (e) advising and training Members and Co-opted Members on matters relating to the City of London Corporation's Code of Conduct;
- (f) dealing with any allegations of breach of the City of London Corporation's Code of Conduct in respect of Members and Co-opted Members, and in particular:-
  - i. to determine whether any allegation should be investigated by or on behalf of the Town Clerk or the Monitoring Officer and their findings reported to the Committee;
  - ii. in relation to any allegation that it has decided to investigate, to determine whether there has been a breach of the Code of Conduct, taking into account the views of an Independent Person appointed under the Localism Act 2011;
  - iii. whether there has been a breach of the Code of Conduct, to determine the appropriate sanction, and where this involves removal of a Member or Co-opted Member from any committee or sub-committee, to make an appropriate recommendation to the relevant appointing body;
  - iv. to determine any appeal from a Member or Co-opted Member in relation to a finding that they have breached the Code of Conduct and/or in relation to the sanction imposed; and
- (g) monitoring all complaints referred to it and to prepare an annual report on its activity for submission to the Court of Common Council.