

4. Standards Committee

Subject	Reserved to Council	Reserved to Committee	Delegated to Officers
Standards of Conduct	Major changes to Codes of Conduct and Procedures affecting District Council Members and Officers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by the Members and co-opted Members of Wycombe District Council. (b) To assist Members and co-opted Members of the District Council to observe the Council's Code of Conduct. (c) To advise the District Council on the adoption or revision of a Code of Conduct. (d) To monitor the operation of the District Council's Code of Conduct, having regard to any national or local guidance. (e) To consider and grant dispensations in respect of Member interests as provided in the Localism Act 2011. 	
Training		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (f) To advise, train or arrange the training of Members and Co-opted Members of the District Council on matters relating to the authority's Code of Conduct 	

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Investigation of complaints		(g) To consider any matters referred to it by the Monitoring Officer (delegated to ad hoc Hearings Panel).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • following consultation with the Independent Person, determination on whether a complaint warrants investigation • the arrangement of investigations • where appropriate, to seek informal resolution as an alternative to formal investigation • the closure of complaints • Where the Investigating Officer concludes that there is evidence of a failure to comply with the Code, and after consultation with the Independent Person. to seek local resolution where appropriate • to arrange Local Standards Hearings and to determine the composition of the Hearings Panel
Parishes		(h) To discharge the functions in (a) to (g) above in relation to Parish Councils within the area of the Wycombe District.	
Officers		(i) To advise the Council on the adoption or revision of Codes of Conduct.	As required by statute or otherwise as required in regard to propriety issues
Complaints, Comments and Compliments		(j) To monitor the operation of the Council's complaints procedure	

- Note:**
1. The Committee may call upon any Member or Officer to assist with its work.
 2. Membership to be made up as follows:- 8 Councillors in accordance with political balance, and including one Member of the Cabinet.
 3. There are no Standing Deputies.
 4. The Council may appoint up to 2 Independent Persons whose views must be sought before a decision is made on any matter that it has been decided to investigate. Independent Persons are not Members of the Committee and have no voting rights.
 5. Parish Councils may nominate a maximum of 3 Parish Councillors to be co-opted as non-voting Members of the Committee.