

SOUTH LAKELAND DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions

2.7 STANDARDS COMMITTEE (SEVEN DISTRICT MEMBERS - SEE ARTICLE 9 OF THE CONSTITUTION)

Functions	Delegation of Functions
The promotion and maintenance of high standards of conduct for elected and co-opted members of the Council	<i>No onward delegation.</i>
To advise the council on the adoption or revision of its Code of Conduct and additional roles and functions as detailed in Article 9.03	<i>No onward delegation.</i>
To monitor and advise the council about the operation of the Code of Conduct in the light of best practice, changes in the law, relevant guidance.	<i>No onward delegation.</i>
Assistance to members and co-opted members of the authority	<i>No onward delegation.</i>
To ensure that all members of the Council have access to training in all aspects of the member Code of Conduct, that this training is actively promoted, and that members are aware of the standards expected from local councillors under the Code	<i>No onward delegation.</i>
In consultation with the Independent Person, to grant dispensations up to a maximum of 4 years in the following circumstances – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That he/she considers that without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited from participating in any particular matter would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business. 2. That, without the dispensation, the representation of different political groups on the body transacting any particular business would be so upset as to alter the likely outcome of any vote relating to the business. 3. That, without a dispensation, no member of the Cabinet would be able to participate on this matter. 4. That the authority considers that the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area 5. That the authority considers that it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation. 	The power to grant dispensations with regards to 1, 2 and 3 has been delegated to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Independent Person, with an appeal to the Standards Committee
<u>Other functions</u> Functions relating to standards of conduct of members under any relevant provision of, or regulations made under the Council's Standards Arrangements.	The Monitoring Officer has delegated functions as set out in the Council's Standards Arrangements. A Sub-Committee/Hearing Panel of the Standards Committee of 3 members will, in consultation with the Independent Person, deal with functions in relation to hearings relating to Standards of conduct of Members and co-opted members

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Power to recommend payments or the provision of other benefits in cases of maladministration, etc.	<i>No onward delegation.</i>
Power to shortlist and interview candidates and make recommendations to Council regarding appointment of Independent Persons.	An ad hoc sub-committee of three Members.

A TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE/HEARING PANEL

- (1) In the event that a hearing is required in accordance with the Council's Standards Arrangements, a Standards Sub-Committee/Hearing Panel shall be convened to hear and determine any allegations that a member or co-opted member of the Council or a Town/Parish Council has failed, or may have failed, to comply with the Council's Code of Conduct.
- (2) **Composition.** The Hearing Panel shall comprise three members of the Standards Committee.
- (3) **Quorum.** The quorum for a meeting shall be three members
- (4) **Frequency of Meetings.** The Standards Sub-Committee/Hearing Panel shall meet as and when required to hear and determine any allegation(s) against an elected member or co-opted member of the Council.