

Standards Committee

Membership

4 members of Torbay Council (2 Conservative and 2 Liberal Democrat), plus 4 named substitutes (2 Conservative and 2 Liberal Democrat), 3 Brixham Town Council Councillors plus 1 named substitute from Brixham Town Council and 5 independent members.

Terms of Reference

1. To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by the Mayor, councillors, co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives;
2. To assist the Mayor, councillors, co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives to observe the Members' Code of Conduct;
3. To advise the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct;
4. To monitor the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct;
5. To advise, train or arrange to train the Mayor, councillors, co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct;
6. To grant dispensations where permitted by law to the Mayor, councillors, co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct;
7. To review the Council's local protocols;
8. To consider reports in relation to Ombudsman investigations;
9. To review the Constitution in relation to ethics and probity issues;
10. To advise others on probity and ethics;
11. To appoint sub-committees to deal with appointments of independent members, local assessment, investigation and determination of allegations of breaches of the Code of Conduct for Members; and
12. To share experience with other standards committees.

The Council may arrange for the Standards Committee to exercise such other functions as the Council considers appropriate.

Referrals Sub-Committee

Membership

A pool of members (comprising the members of the Standards Committee and named substitutes) who can be drawn to serve on a sub-committee (normally comprising 2 independent members and 1 Torbay Councillor (and 1 Brixham Town Councillor if the complaint is about a member of the Town Council).

Quorum

3 members of the Sub-Committee including at least 1 independent member and 1 Torbay Councillor (and 1 Brixham Town Councillor if the complaint is about a member of the Town Council).

Review Sub-Committee

Membership

A pool of members (comprising the members of the Standards Committee and named substitutes) who can be drawn to serve on a sub-committee (normally comprising 2 independent members and 1 Torbay Councillor (and 1 Brixham Town Councillor if the complaint is about a member of the Town Council.))

(Note: The members who sat on the original Referrals Sub-Committee will not be allowed to sit on the Review Sub-Committee dealing with the same complaint.)

Quorum

3 members of the Sub-Committee including at least 1 independent member and 1 Torbay Councillor (and 1 Brixham Town Councillor if the complaint is about a member of the Town Council).

Hearings Sub-Committee

Membership

A pool of members (comprising the members of the Standards Committee and named substitutes) who can be drawn to serve on a sub-committee (normally comprising 2 independent members and 1 Torbay Councillor (and 1 Brixham Town Councillor if the complaint is about a member of the Town Council.)

Quorum

3 members of the Sub-Committee including at least 1 independent member and 1 Torbay Councillor (and 1 Brixham Town Councillor if the complaint is about a member of the Town Council).

Standards Appointments Sub-Committee

Membership

A pool of members (comprising the members of the Standards Committee) who can be drawn to serve on a sub-committee (normally comprising 3 independent members and 2 Torbay Councillors (1 Conservative and 1 Liberal Democrat.)

Quorum

3 members of the Sub-Committee including at least 1 independent member and 1 Torbay Councillor.