

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE OF BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE AS SET OUT IN PART 3 OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION.**

The role of the Standards Committee is to:

- (1) Promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Members and coopted Members of the Council.
- (2) Assist Members and co-opted Members of the Council to observe the Bolsover Members' Code of Conduct.
- (3) Advise the Council on the adoption or revision of a Code of Conduct.
- (4) Monitor the operation of the Bolsover Members' Code of Conduct.
- (5) Advise, give training or arrange to train Members and co-opted Members of the Council on matters relating to the Bolsover Members' Code of Conduct.
- (6) Oversee Member Training, (including the attendance of Members at courses), in relation to matters affecting their conduct and probity including relevant information provided to newly elected District Councillors.
- (7) Consider all matters relating to dispensations for Members to speak and vote where the Members concerned have interests.
- (8) Conduct determination hearings into complaints against Members.
- (9) Promote and maintain high standards of conduct within town/parish councils and to assist them in following their own Codes of Conduct or adopt the Bolsover Code of Conduct.
- (10) Oversee training provided to Parish Councils on conduct and probity matters including relevant information provided to newly elected Parish Councillors.
- (11) Oversee the public face of the Standards Committee through the website and increase public awareness of the Code of Conduct and its application. (
- 12) Deal with complaints against town and parish councillors in accordance with 8 above.
- (13) Oversee matters referred to the Monitoring Officer in relation to complaints against Town and Parish Councillors where it is appropriate for the Monitoring Officer to take a decision.
- (14) Grant exemptions for politically restricted posts.
- (15) Have responsibility for the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Policy and procedures, to include monitoring, revisions and approval.
- (16) Review the Gifts and Hospitality Register on an annual basis.
- (17) Review Members' attendance at meetings on a bi-annual basis.

To Recommend to Council with regard to:-

(18) Overseeing the Council's "Whistle Blowing" Policy and arrangements and to amend them as appropriate.

(19) Changes required to the Constitution as a result of the monitoring and reviewing undertaken by the Committee.

(20) Reports of the Independent Remuneration Panel