

CURRENT TERMS OF REFERENCE

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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- (a) Audit functions including receiving and considering reports and making recommendations on them
- (b) Risk management and corporate governance including considering reports from the Local Government Ombudsman.
- (c) Reviewing the annual statement of accounts
- (d) Standards function including dealing with complaints regarding Councillor conduct and the imposition of sanctions.
- (e) Electoral matters including Community Governance Reviews
- (f) Human Resources and Personnel matters including pensions issues
- (g) To hear any appeal in respect of any grievance or disciplinary decision taken by officers

PROPOSED REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

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 - i. To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Members and Co-opted Members of the Council.
 - ii. To make recommendations to the Council on the adoption, and revision of a local Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members, and to monitor and review its operation.
 - iii. To make recommendations to the Council on the adoption, and revision of a Code of Conduct for officers of the Council.
 - iv. To approve guidance and protocols to supplement the Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members.
 - v. To approve arrangements for dealing with written allegations of failure to comply with their Code of Conduct by Council, Parish or Town Council Members or Co-opted Members.
 - vi. To approve training and assistance for Members and Co-opted Members in conduct matters and to approve arrangements for advice to individuals on the treatment of interests and on conduct generally.
 - vii. To grant dispensations to Council Members to allow them to speak on, participate in the discussion of and/or participate in a vote on matters in which they have an interest and to approve the arrangements for dispensations generally.
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