# INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

## Selection Criteria

The ideal candidate for the position of independent member of the Standards Committee will:

1. Bring professional and/or personal experience to the Committee which is different from that of current members.

2. Have good analytical skills; be able to demonstrate clarity of thought; and to assimilate information quickly and arrive at balanced judgements.

3. Have independence of mind, objectivity and impartiality.

4. Have a commitment to the general principles governing the conduct of Councillors generally and matters of probity and integrity in particular.

5. Have good interpersonal skills, including good communication skills both written and oral and the ability to co-operate with others in a committee setting, together with tact and diplomacy in handling sensitive matters.

6. Be willing and able to attend meetings of the Committee and its Sub-Committees as required.

Desirable additional criteria are: -

1. Experience of dealing with adversarial matters and/or experience of working with or on committees.

2. Awareness and understanding of the political process

3. Knowledge / experience of procedures for meetings

You should demonstrate in your CV and supporting statement how you meet the above criteria as this will assist the short-listing process.

Please be aware that meetings of the Committee (2 per annum) will normally start at 6 pm. Meetings of Sub-Committees (convened as and when required) may be held during the day. Independent Members are expected to attend meetings of the Full Council (6 per annum) on a rota basis.

Applications will be assessed by evaluation of your CV and supporting statement (not to exceed 2 A4 pages) and by interview.

Independent Members will be paid £1,742 per annum, paid monthly and are able to claim travel allowances for attending meetings.

NOTE: ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT

A person who:

- within the last five years has been a Member or Officer of the Council; or
- is a relative or close friend of a Member or Officer of the Council; or
- is currently an Officer or Member of any other relevant authority (this includes parish, district, county and unitary councils and Police and Fire Authorities)

is not eligible to be an Independent Member of the Standards Committee and should not apply.