

**10. ARTICLE 10 - MEMBER CONDUCT**

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**10.1 Introduction**

The Policy Finance and Development Committee will be responsible for promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Councillors.

**10.2 The Composition of the Policy, Finance and Development Committee**

10.2.1 The Policy, Finance and Development Committee will consist of 15 Members.

10.2.2 The Council will appoint Members of the Policy, Finance and Development Committee at its Annual General Meeting.

**10.3 The Role and Function of the Policy, Finance and Development Committee**

10.3.1 The Policy, Finance and Development Committee will have the following roles and functions as regards Member Conduct:

- (i) promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Councillors;
- (ii) assisting Councillors to observe the Code of Conduct;
- (iii) advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Code of Conduct;
- (iv) monitoring the operation of the Code of Conduct;
- (v) advising, training or arranging to train Councillors and Independent Members on matters relating to the Code of Conduct;
- (vi) granting dispensations to Councillors and co-opted Members from requirements relating to interests set out in the Code of Conduct so far as not delegated to the Monitoring Officer;
- (vii) the assessment, review, investigation and determination of allegations of misconduct on the part of a Councillor;
- (viii) dealing with any alleged breach by a Councillor of a Council Protocol, in accordance with the procedures approved by the Policy, Finance and Development Committee; and
- (ix) overview of the following codes, protocols and areas:
  - (a) Outline of the Roles and Responsibilities for Members;
  - (b) Protocol on Member / Officer Relations;

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- (c) Procedure and Resolution of Dispute / Conflict between Officers and Members;
- (d) Officers' Code of Conduct;
- (e) Confidential Reporting ("Whistleblowing") Code;
- (f) Planning Conduct of Conduct;
- (g) Licensing Code of Conduct;
- (h) Complaints handling and Ombudsman investigations.