

10. ARTICLE 10 - MEMBER CONDUCT

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.