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## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

- Build relationships between L.A. and public
  - should be advertised in local press and public buildings. Make public aware of Committee.
- Must be:- Impartial, dutiful, informative, factual and evidential
- Confirm percentage of Officers and Members accept the Code of Conduct and the Standards Committee.
- Apparently there will be a Revised Code in 2010.
- Beware of “tit for tat” complaints. There should be no penalty for putting forward ‘Frivolous’ complaints.
- Discuss with Chief Executive what other roles should be carried out by the Independent Members of Committee.
- Committee should have the opportunity to discuss feedback from the Ombudsman.
- Chairman of Standards Committee is expected to have regular meetings with the Monitoring Officer/Borough Solicitor.
- Hold a review to enable all applicable to understand and interpret the Standards Committee.
- Preach “we can make a difference”. Take up the challenge and invoke our standards.
- Values:- Strive for higher values, conduct, respect, ethics and standards. These and the code must be integral to all Council activities.
- Members must receive training on the Code of Conduct.
- Officers must take strong action against any aboration of the Code.
- Members of the Standards Committee should have access to the Annual Report and attend Council Meetings (Independent Members).
- Standards Committee should build relationships with Officers and Members.
- Chairman of Committee should have meetings with group leaders – build trust.
- Should share experiences with neighbouring Councils.