

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF THE  
MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**POWERS AND DUTIES**

**Membership:**       6 Elected Members of the Authority  
                              3 Independent Members

1.     To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by the Elected and Co-opted Members of the Authority.
2.     To assist Elected and Co-opted Members of the Authority to observe the Authority's Code of Conduct applicable to such persons ("the Code of Conduct")
3.     To advise the Authority on the adoption or revision of the Code of Conduct.
4.     To monitor the operation of The Code of Conduct.
5.     To be responsible for advising, training or arranging to train Elected and Co-opted Members of the Authority on matters relating to The Code of Conduct and the ethical framework
6.     To consider (and where appropriate to adjudicate upon) any matter referred or notified to the Standards Committee by the Monitoring Officer; or Ethical Standards Officer; a Local Commissioner First Tier Tribunal or any other person.
7.     To take action prescribed or permitted by law in respect of findings of failure to comply with The Code of Conduct on the part of Elected and Co-opted Members of the Authority.
8.     To implement decisions of the First Tier Tribunal that Elected or Co-opted Members of the Authority should be suspended or partially suspended for the period and in the way such tribunal has decided.
9.     To consider guidance issued by the Standards Board on matters relating to conduct of Members.
10.    To consider recommendations of the First Tier Tribunal relating to the exercise of the Authority's functions, the Authority's Code of Conduct or the Authority's Standards Committee and to authorise the submission of reports to the Standards Board in response to such recommendations.

11. To consider and grant if appropriate applications by Members having prejudicial interests in any matters for dispensation from the requirement to withdraw from the room while a meeting is being held when such matter is being considered.
12. To make recommendations to the Authority as to Members Allowances.
13. Grant exemptions for politically restricted posts
14. Monitor the effectiveness of the Member/Officer Protocol;, the Register of Members' Interests, procedures for complaint assessment, investigation and hearings and all documents associated with the Code of Conduct
15. Comment upon any review of the Authority's Constitution in particular with regard to ethical governance

STANDARDS (INITIAL ASSESSMENTS) SUB COMMITTEE

OF THE

MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

POWERS AND DUTIES

**Membership:**        2 Elected Members  
                              1 Independent Member

**Delegated Powers**

1. To undertake an initial assessment of allegations of breaches of the Authority's Code of Conduct by Elected and Co-opted Members appointed to the Authority.
2. To decide whether the allegation should be :-
  - (a) Referred to the Standards Board (e.g. in serious cases).
  - (b) Referred to the Monitoring Officer for investigation.
  - (c) Referred to the Monitoring Officer of another authority for investigation.
  - (d) The subject of no further action.
3. To consider and/or determine any other matters referred to it by the Standards Committee.



STANDARDS (REVIEW SUB COMMITTEE)  
OF THE  
MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

POWERS AND DUTIES

**Membership:** 2 Elected Members (who were not involved in the Initial Assessment Sub Committee)  
1 Independent Member (who was not involved in the Initial Assessment Sub Committee)

**Delegated Powers**

1. To undertake a review of the decision of the Standards (Initial Assessments) Sub Committee in respect of allegations of breaches of the Authority's Code of Conduct by Elected and Co-opted Members appointed to the Authority following a request for review of that decision.
2. To decide whether the allegations should be :-
  - (a) Referred to Standards for England (e.g. in serious cases).
  - (b) Referred to the Monitoring Officer for investigations.
  - (c) Referred to the Monitoring Officer of another authority for investigation.
  - (d) The subject of no further action.
3. To consider and/or determine any other matter referred to it by the Standards Committee.

**HEARING SUB COMMITTEE**

**Membership:** 3 Elected Members  
2 Independent Members

**Delegated Powers:**

1. To consider any final investigation report.

To conduct determination hearings in respect of investigations by the Monitoring Officer, in line with Guidance on the same.