

Working proactively – the role of standards committees

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How to make your standards committee proactive

- Code of Conduct – getting the basics right
- Ethical framework – wider considerations
- Corporate governance – integration across the authority
- Good practice – food for thought

Hull City Council

- Standards committee: seven members – five independent, two councillors
- Chair: independent
- Population: 248,500 at mid-2004
- CPA rating: one star
- Parishes: none
- Size of council: 59 members

- Political make-up: 25 Liberal Democrats, 25 Labour, five Hull Independents, two Conservative and Unionist, two Independents

Hull City Council

Code of Conduct

- Training
- Protocols
- Analysis of complaints
- Registers
- Hearings

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Ethical framework

- Ethical audit
- Whistleblowing

Corporate governance

- Joining up across departments
- Role of chief executive and leader
- Partnership working

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Good practice

- Terms of reference
- Communications strategy
- Work programme

South Gloucestershire District Council

- Standards committee: nine members – three independent, three councillors, three parish representatives
- Chair: independent
- Population: 250,000
- CPA rating: good, three star, improving well
- Parishes: 43

- Size of council: 70 members
- Political make-up: balanced 32 Liberal Democrat, 21 Conservative and Unionist, 16 Labour, 1 UKIP

South Gloucestershire District Council

Code of Conduct

- Training
- Protocols
- Registers
- Hearings

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Ethical framework

- Managing parish relationships
- Whistleblowing

Corporate governance

- Raising the profile of the standards committee
- Role of the chief executive and leader
- Partnership working

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Good practice

- Terms of reference
- Visits to parishes
- Work programme
- Independent members forum membership

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