

BEDFORDSHIRE AND LUTON COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY STANDARDS COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Approved by the Combined Fire Authority on 9 June 2008 and revised at the meeting on 30 June 2009

Composition

The Standards Committee will be composed of at least three Fire Authority Members (appointed from its constituent authorities – Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire and Luton Borough Councils) and at least four Independent Members who are not Fire Authority Members, officers of the Fire Authority or members of any other body having a Standards Committee.

Independent Members will be entitled to vote at meetings and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Standards Committee will be Independent Members.

Role and Function

The Standards Committee will have the following roles and functions:

- a. To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Fire Authority Members and co-opted Members.
- b. To assist Fire Authority Members and co-opted Members to observe the Members' Code of Conduct.
- c. To advise the Fire Authority on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct.
- d. To monitor the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct.
- e. To advise, train or arrange to train, the Fire Authority Members and co-opted Members on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct.
- f. To grant dispensation to Fire Authority Members and co-opted Members from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct.
- g. To discharge the functions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and related legislation, where appropriate through sub committees, including the provisions regarding written allegations against Members and co-opted Members in respect of the Fire Authority's Code of Conduct.
- h. To discharge the functions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and related legislation, regarding the grant and supervision of exemption of posts from political restriction