

West Suffolk Shadow Council

2. Responsibility for Shadow Council Functions

- 2.1 The following table set out how the Shadow Council has chosen to delegate responsibility for certain of its Local Choice and non-executive functions. Other delegations are contained in Section 4 (Delegation to Officers). Where no delegation is indicated in this Scheme, responsibility for Local Choice and non-executive functions remains with the full Council. The Shadow Council may be advised by relevant Committees of Forest Heath District Council or St Edmundsbury Borough Council in discharging its functions.
- 2.2 The Shadow Council has only delegated functions to the extent that it is responsible for them, or to the extent that it is making a decision on behalf of West Suffolk Council, and to come into effect from 1 April 2019.
- 2.3 Any matters related to the employment of officers of the Shadow Authority shall be considered in accordance with the procedures adopted by their employing authority.
- 2.4 Every Committee appointed by the Shadow Council may appoint Sub-Committees for the purposes to be stated by the Committee. The Members of a Sub-Committee will be Members or substitute Members of the appointing Committee.
- 2.5 Any Committee or Sub-Committee may, within its delegated authority, set up working parties or panels for the detailed study of any matter. Any working party/panel given delegated authority will become a Sub-Committee.

A. Joint Standards Committee

This is a Joint Committee formed of members of St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Forest Heath District Council. Membership of the Joint Committee will comprise six Members, three appointed by each authority.

To ensure a wide representation across the authorities, political balance rules do not apply to this Committee.

The Joint Standards Committee will have the following roles and functions in respect of the Shadow West Suffolk Council, St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Forest Heath District Council:-

- (a) promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Councillors and co-opted Members;
- (b) assisting Councillors and co-opted Members to observe the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (c) advising the Council on the adoption and revision of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (d) monitoring the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (e) advising, training or arranging to train Councillors and co-opted Members on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct;

	<p>(f) granting dispensations to Councillors and co-opted Members from requirements relating to interests set out in Section 34 of the Localism Act 2011;</p> <p>(g) considering a report from the Monitoring Officer in respect of an allegation of a breach of the Members' Code of Conduct; and</p> <p>(h) dealing with a report from the Monitoring Officer in respect of an allegation of a breach of the Members' Code of Conduct of a Town or Parish Council within the District of Forest Heath and the Borough of St Edmundsbury.</p> <p>The Standards Committee will not cover the conduct of officers, for which separate provisions apply.</p>	
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