

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

7. Standards and Governance

7.1 There will be an on-going commitment to promoting high standards ~~of in the~~ conduct of ~~members and co-opted members of Local Councils and the Borough Council as required by the Localism Act 2011, section 27~~ ~~public administration in all authorities~~. This will be based on the Nolan Principles that are appended to the Kent Code of Conduct and the Code of Conduct issued by the National Association of Local Councils.

In addition, two members of the Local Councils will sit on the Borough Council's Audit and Governance Committee.

7.2 ~~The Local Councils and the Borough Council discharge distinct statutory functions, having autonomy over their governance arrangements. Both undertake to ensure that the public administration of their Councils and the discharge of their functions are undertaken effectively in line with statutory requirements, supported by appropriate policies and procedures.~~

NOTES:

Paragraph 7.1 proposed to be amended to clarify that the duty to promote high standards falls on the members and co-opted members of the Council rather than public administration generally.

Paragraph 7.2 proposed to be added following a review of Code of Conduct Complaints where recommendations have been made for Local Councils to review and/or adopt appropriate policies to support the Code of Conduct, e.g. Bullying, Adherence to Standing Orders, Declarations of Interests, etc.