(v) **STANDARDS**

- 1. (a) To act under the "Standards Regime arrangements"
 - (b) To act under the pre-hearing and hearing procedures for Standards Committee determinations.
 - (c) To act under the procedure for Standards Committee investigations.
 - (d) To make minor amendments, in consultation with the Chairman of the Standards Committee, to the "Standards Regime arrangements" and the prehearing and hearing procedures for Standards Committee determinations and the procedure for Standards Committee investigations.
- 2. To disclose any information held by the Council to an Investigating Officer, whether confidential or otherwise and whether requested or not, which would in her opinion assist an investigation.
- 3. In consultation with the Chairman of the Standards Committee, in instances where the Independent Person/Reserve Independent Person or an Independent Member is unavailable, to appoint Independent Persons or Members from another authority on a temporary basis.
- 4. In consultation with the Chairman of the Standards Committee to appoint a Parish Representative on a temporary basis, in the first instance by going to other nominees on the list (i.e. those Parish Councillors nominated for election/appointment to the Standards Committee) and to advise the Parish Councils of this.
- 5. To publish details of the address to which written allegations of breach of the Code of Conduct should be sent.
- 6. To update the procedures and develop the standard documentation to be used in dealing with written complaints of breach of the Code of Conduct and publish as required.
- 7. In consultation with the Chairman of the Standards Committee to update the Investigation Procedure, the Determination, Pre-Hearing and Hearing Procedures, for dealing with alleged breaches of the Council's Code of Conduct and of the Codes of Conduct of the Parish Councils in the Borough of West Lancashire, as required.