- Proposed constitutional changes

Article 12, paragraph 12.03 - Functions of the Monitoring Officer

(c) Supporting the <u>Governance Audit Risk Management and Standards</u> Committee in respect of standards and advising on the Code of Conduct

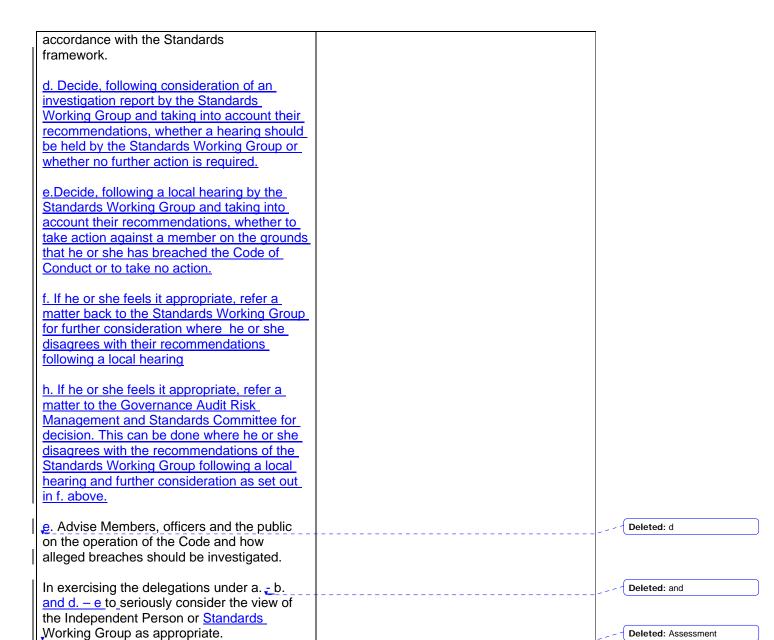
The Monitoring Officer will contribute to the promotion and maintenance of high standards of conduct through provision of support to the Governance Audit Risk Management and Standards Committee. He or she will also provide advice to Members of the Council and act as the proper officer to receive complaints of failure to comply with the Code of Conduct. He or she will also make decisions about complaints as set out in the delegations under Part 3B.

Part 3B - Delegations to Officers - Monitoring Officer, paragraph 7

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Part 3A

1) Terms of Reference – Governance Audit Risk Management and Standards Committee

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'On referral from the Monitoring Officer, to decide whether to take action against a member for breach of the Code of Conduct and if so, to decide what action should be taken.'

2) Delete all references to Hearing Sub-Committee and Assessment Sub-Committee.