## **APPENDIX A**

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

## **Assessment Sub-Committee**

The Assessment Sub-committee has the following powers and duties:

- (a) To receive allegations that a member or co-opted member of the Authority has failed, or may have failed, to comply with the Authority's Code of Conduct
- (b) Upon receipt of each allegation, the Sub-Committee shall make an initial assessment of the allegation and shall then do one of the following:
  - refer the allegation to the Monitoring Officer, for formal investigation
  - refer the allegation to the Monitoring Officer with directions that he/she arrange training, conciliation or such appropriate alternative steps as permitted by Regulations;
  - refer the allegation to the Standards Board for England;
  - decide that no action should be taken in respect of the allegation; or
  - where the allegation is in respect of a person who is no longer a member of the Authority, but is a member of another relevant authority (as defined in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 2000), refer the allegation to the Monitoring Officer of that other relevant authority;
- (c) Where the Sub-Committee resolves to do any of the actions set out in paragraph the Sub-Committee shall state its reasons for that decision