

## **ARTICLE 9 – STANDARDS**

### **9.1 Member Code of Conduct**

The Council recognises and supports the need to have a Code of Conduct that identifies the general principles by which Members of the Council should abide. The latest Code of Conduct adopted by the Council is contained in Part 4 –Codes and Protocols of the Constitution.

### **9.2 Complaints against Members**

- (a) The Council has adopted a complaint process. This will be followed for complaints against Parish and Town Councillors as well as those against Dorset Council Councillors. The Monitoring Officer has power to vary the process where considered appropriate. Details of this Member Complaint Process can be found in Codes and Protocols – Part 4 of the Constitution.
- (b) Complaints that may give rise to criminal investigations including those relating to disclosable pecuniary interests will usually be referred to the Police and will therefore fall outside the complaints process