
Meeting: Standards Committee

Date: 26 February 2010

Subject: Guidance Notes issued by Standards for England

Report of: Monitoring Officer

Summary: To draw Members' attention to Guidance Notes issued by Standards for England

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Non-executive

Reason for urgency (if appropriate) N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

That Members note the Guidance Notes issued by Standards for England.

1. Members will be aware that from time to time Standards for England issue Guidance Notes to assist. On 19 January 2010 the Authority received notification that a number of guidance notes had been issued in relation to the following areas:-
 - (i) Charitable Trustees and Declarations of Interests under the Code.
 - (ii) The role and appointment of Town and Parish Council representatives to the Standards Committee and the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 (the 2008 Regulations)
 - (iii) Personal and Prejudicial Interest

- (iv) Notification to Town and Parish Councils concerning complaints about their Members and the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 (the 2008 Regulations)
- (v) Lobbying
- (vi) Independent Members
- (vii) Gifts and Hospitality
- (viii) Freemasons and the Code of Conduct
- (ix) Disclosing Confidential Information
- (x) Bullying and the Code of Conduct
- (xi) Predisposition, Predetermination or Bias and the Code

3. Members will find these useful Guidance Notes attached at Appendix "A" to this report for note.

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| CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS: |
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| Council Priorities: |
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| Contributes to all Council priorities to ensure good governance |
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| Financial: |
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| Legal: |
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| To ensure that continued training and development is offered to ensure high ethical standards are maintained in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 and Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 |
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| Risk Management: |
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| Staffing (including Trade Unions): |
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| Equalities / Human Rights: |
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| None |
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Community Safety:

N/A

Sustainability:

N/A

Location of papers: Priory House, Chicksands