



TITLE: THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND CASE REVIEW NUMBER 3

TO/ON: STANDARDS COMMITTEE 5TH OCTOBER 2005

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STATUS: FOR PUBLICATION

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the Standards Board for England Case Review Number 3.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members note the report.
- 2.2 That the Council purchase 10 copies of the Case Review to distribute between Members.

3. REPORT AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS AND TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1 The Standards Board for England has issued its third case review. The case review is a journal style publication focused on the role of the Code of Conduct in local democracy. It uses case examples drawn from real investigations and tribunals to pose questions, spark debate and propose conclusions.

- 3.2 The third case review includes chapters on:-

- How we assess complaints and decide what to investigate.
- Confidentiality and the public interest.
- Standards Committee determinations.
- High Court appeals.
- Recent significant cases.

- 3.3 The cost of the case review is £15.00 per copy.

- 3.4 Purchasing copies of this publication for distribution to Members will assist Members in their interpretation of the Members' Code of Conduct.

4. CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES

4.1 FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

4.1.1 Purchasing 10 copies of this publication will cost £150 and can be met from within existing budgets.

4.2 MEMBER DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICAL ARRANGEMENTS

4.2.1 Members' consideration of this document will assist them in adhering to the Members' Code of Conduct.

4.3 HUMAN RESOURCES

4.3.1 Not applicable.

5. RISK

5.1 Updating Members in respect of how the Members' Code of Conduct should be adhered to should help to reduce the risk of member of the public complaining about Members' conduct to the Standards Board for England.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM THE REPORT

6.1 None.

7. EQUALITIES ISSUES ARISING FROM THE REPORT

7.1 None.

8. WARDS AFFECTED

8.1 None.

9. CONSULTATIONS

9.1 None.

Background documents: None.

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