

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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## STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND: BULLETINS 32 AND 33

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### 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform members of the committee of the latest Standards Bulletins The Bulletin are a summary of news and guidance in the code of conduct issued by the Standards Board. The highlights of these issues are outlined from paragraph 3.1. The full Bulletins are attached at Appendix 1.

### 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the content of the bulletins be noted.

### 3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Bulletin is a summary of news and guidance for officers and members, providing the latest news, features and guidance on the Code of Conduct and the work of the Standards Board for England. It is published on the Standards Board for England website.

- 3.2 The Bulletin is issued to all members and voting co-opted members of the council, parish clerks and key officers within the authority. Past issues are available at:

[www.standardsboard.co.uk/publications](http://www.standardsboard.co.uk/publications)

- 3.3 Highlights from the Bulletins (attached at Appendix 1) include:

#### Issue 32

- Consultation on the Code of Conduct
- The Local Government and Public Involvement Health Bill
- On the road with the Standards Board

#### Issue 33

- The New Code of Conduct
- Adopting and Amending the Code

- Special advice for Parish and Town Councils
- Local Investigations - update

3.3 Distributing the Bulletin has positive implications for corporate governance as it ensures that all members of the council, parish council members and key officers are kept up to date with standards issues and guidance on the code of conduct.

#### **4 LEGAL AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no legal or financial implications.

#### **Background Documents**

None.

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