

Standards Committee

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Report Title	Update on the Local Ethical Framework (April 2008) and consultation
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Date of Meeting:	10 March 2008
Directorate:	Chief Executives
Ward(s)	ALL

1. Summary

The report provides an update on the consultation undertaken by The Department for Communities and Local Government on the “Orders and Regulations Relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England”.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the response to the consultation made by the Council be noted.
- 2.2 That details of the constitutional changes required to comply with the regulation be provided to a special meeting of Standards Committee in May 2008.

3. Report Background

- 3.1 At its meeting of 17 December 2007 Standards Committee were updated on the, then, forthcoming consultation to be undertaken by The Department of Communities and Local government in respect of the Local Ethical Framework.
- 3.2 The planned consultation has now been undertaken. Copies of the consultation document were sent to Members of the Standards Committee and the group leaders.
- 3.3 ACSES (the Association of Council Secretaries and Solicitors) the body that represents senior officers made a comprehensive response on behalf of the association’s members, a copy of that response is attached The relevant responses from the consultation and the ACSES response provided the basis of the council’s response to the consultation.
- 3.4 Whilst the target date for implementation of the changes proposed by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 is April 2008 the necessary regulations have not as yet been made and not date for their publication has been confirmed.
- 3.5 On publication of the regulations constitutional changes will be required for the committee to address the Local Ethical Framework, it is recommended that a detailed report on the necessary changes be made to the Standards Committee meeting in May 2008.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Resources and Risk

The full implication of the regulations will be reported to standards committee in May 2008

4.2 Legal

None specifically but the regulations, once enacted, will have legal force.

4.3 Other Implications

None

5. Background Papers

ACSES 'Response to the government on its "Consultation on Orders and Regulations Relating to the conduct of Local Authority Members in England"' copy attached.

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