

Title: **Standards Board for England: Update**

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Issue

To provide Members with an update on two matters. Firstly relating to consultation on the revised Code of Conduct and secondly on publication of the Annual Report.

Revised Code of Conduct

From enquiries of the Standards Board for England it is now understood that the draft revised Code relating to Councillors and a Code of Conduct relating to Council employees in the form of a Statutory Instrument will be published at the end of July 2006. There is likely to be a 12 week period of consultation. All Councils will be involved in the consultation and responses will be welcome from Councils and/or individual Councillors and other individuals/bodies. It is proposed that Codes will be implemented with effect from May 2007.

Standards Board Annual Report

It is understood that this will be published in the week beginning 24 July. It will be available on the Board's website. Members will be informed of relevant aspects of its content at the next meeting of the Standards Committee.

Recommendation

To note the information contained in this report.