

WYFRA	STANDARDS COMMITTEE	9 NOVEMBER 2007	ITEM NO.
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REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES
(MONITORING OFFICER)

PURPOSE OF REPORT: TO ADVISE MEMBERS OF THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND PUBLICATIONS WHICH HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE SINCE THE LAST MEETING.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE CONTENT OF THE PUBLICATIONS BE NOTED.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT DETAILS

EXEMPTION CATEGORY: None

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BACKGROUND PAPERS OPEN TO INSPECTION:

NIL

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Standards Board for England has published a variety of leaflets and guidance sheets to advise local authorities and keep them abreast of any developments with regard to their statutory obligations.

2 INFORMATION

- 2.1 Attached to this report for Members' information / comment are the following publications;

- Bulletin no. 33
- Bulletin no. 34
- Bulletin no. 35
- Code of Conduct fact sheets
- Sixth Annual Assembly newsletter

2.2 Bulletin 33 (annex 1)

Highlights cover;

- Changes to the new Code of Conduct (as discussed at the July meeting of this Committee)

2.3 Bulletin 34 (annex 2)

Highlights cover;

- Code of Conduct queries

2.4 Bulletin 35 (annex 3)

Highlights cover;

- Forthcoming amendments to the Local Government Act
- Code of conduct issues

2.5 Code of Conduct fact sheets (annex 4)

Key information and answers about the following issues;

- Bullying
- Disclosure of confidential information
- Gifts and Hospitality

- Lobby groups and declarations of interest
- Personal and prejudicial interest
- The new ethical framework for local government

2.6 Sixth Annual Assembly newsletter (annex 5)

Highlights include;

- Summaries of discussions from major sessions and events
- Conference photographs
- Delegate feedback

3. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.