

WYFRA	STANDARDS COMMITTEE	7 MARCH 2008	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. 36
- Bulletin no. 37

2.2 Bulletin 36 (annex 1)

Highlights cover;

- Results of local assessment pilot
- Checklist for local authorities in run up to April 2008 when changes are due to be implemented
- Details of new role of Standards Committee (following abolition of role of independent adjudicator)

2.3 Bulletin 37 (annex 2)

Highlights cover;

- Ethical framework provisions recently brought into force
- Examples of good practice in publicising local assessment of complaints
- Information on prejudicial interest
- Introduction to new SBE Chief Executive

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.