

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND – BULLETINS 46 AND 47

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR (GOVERNANCE)

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Every other month, Standards for England issues a bulletin containing information about recent developments related to probity and ethics. Members have been circulated with past editions and found them to be of interest. Therefore, the two most recent publications (Bulletins 46 and 47) are attached in their entirety.

Bulletin 46 contains an interesting article about Bias and Predetermination and the online guide referred to in that article is attached to the end of the Bulletin. There is also reference to a new training DVD 'Assessment Made Clear' and we intend to use this when undertaking refresher training about the Code in the new Municipal Year.

Bulletin 47 mentions several new online guides and, again, these will be taken into account when the refresher training about the Code takes place. The Bulletin also confirms that the awaited new Code of Conduct has been delayed again, this time due to financial regulations being given priority for Parliamentary time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee notes the contents of Bulletins 46 and 47 from Standards for England and raises any issues of interest.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

An Efficient and Effective Council.

RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

None

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

None

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None

APPENDICES:

Standards for England Bulletins 46 and 47