

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND – BULLETIN 37

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR (GOVERNANCE)

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

From time to time, the Standards Board issues a bulletin containing information about recent developments related to probity and ethics. Members have considered past editions and found them to be of interest. Therefore, the most recent publication is attached.

Since the Bulletin was published, the Standards Board has confirmed that the introduction date for the new regulations has been deferred from 1 April to 1 May 2008. The final templates and guidance in support of the new regulations are not yet available.

It is proposed to use most of the Committee meeting scheduled for 7 July 2008 as a training session for Members, explaining in detail how the new systems will operate. Should there be a need for a local hearing before that date, the Members who are appointed to the Sub Committee will be trained in advance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee notes the content of Bulletin 37 from the Standards Board and raises any issues of interest.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO): An Efficient and Effective Council.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: None

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

APPENDICES: Standards Board Bulletin 37